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Off-site pet adoptions set Sat. in Waveland

The Waveland Animal Shelter, assisted by Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County, will host off-site pet adoptions this Saturday, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., in front of the Waveland Kmart.

Waveland Seniors to host first meeting

The first meeting of the Senior Citizens of Waveland is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 13, at Post 77 on Coleman Ave. at 10 a.m. Open to past, new members. Lunch will be served.

Special services begin at First Assembly

First Assembly of God Church, 1912 Arnold Street in Waveland, announces special services beginning Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and continuing through Wednesday at 7 p.m. nightly. Everyone is welcome. Call 467-7667.

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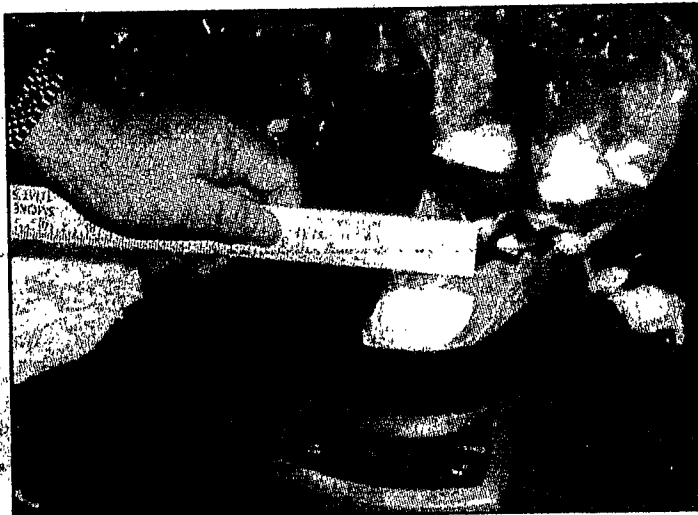
Hancock County Narcotics Division agents made four arrests Monday at a Shoreline Park residence in connection with drug activities. Uncut cocaine, marijuana, antidepressant pills, cash, shotguns, rifles and pistols were seized in the raid. Those in photo are, from left, Agents Abe Long, Chris Russell, and Clifton (Bubba) Malley, Narcotics Division Director Capt. Matt Karl and Sheriff Steve Garber. The largest piece of uncut cocaine confiscated, below, was two inches in length and weighed one ounce.

Coke, pot, pills & guns confiscated in Shoreline Park raid

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Sheriff Department's Narcotics Division made a major drug bust Monday afternoon in Shoreline Park involving four persons, three of which were out on bond from a previous drug roundup, accord-

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Echo staff photos by Ellis C. Cuevas

Cable co. plans rate hike in Bay

Mediacom in franchise
negotiations with city

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

Rate hikes will hit Mediacom customers next month, even as the cable company heads into franchise negotiations soon with Bay St. Louis.

City Council members learned of the increase this week, when Mayor Eddie Favre passed along a letter he'd received announcing the increase.

"They can pretty much do what they want" in boosting rates, Favre said in an interview. But the city will be scrutinizing its relationship with the company as the franchise comes up for renewal this year, he added.

Favre said the city wants to make sure

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Courthouse project gets \$250K boost

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Courthouse revitalization project got a big boost in funding on Monday when it was announced that the Mississippi Department of Archives and History has awarded the county a \$250,000 grant for the project. The county will be required to put up \$62,500 as a local match.

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Pearlington gets new bank branch at Murphy school

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

In 1902, Hancock Bank officials traveled to Pearlington by rail and then by boat to set up a branch of the bank to handle the wealth created by the timber boom.

The branch closed when

the industry faltered in 1918. On Tuesday, a new mini-branch of the bank opened at the Charles B. Murphy Elementary School so that students could not only open Christmas savings accounts, but learn about banking too.

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Principal Lynette Ladner and Hancock County School Superintendent Mike Ladner hand out banking packets to students on Tuesday as a new mini-branch of the Hancock Bank opens at Charles B. Murphy Elementary School.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

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Favre: 'Major' department store franchise headed for Bay St. Louis

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

A "major department store" is in the works for Bay St. Louis, Mayor Eddie Favre said Tuesday in an outline of significant business growth lying ahead in 2003.

He declined to give specifics of the department store's name or location, saying final negotiations are underway for 25,000 square feet of vacant commercial property.

But the mayor did say that the store will be the first of its type to locate here, and it's hoped to spark a "location recruitment trend."

Other key developments the mayor outlined in his report to City Council include renovations to the Winn Dixie food store in the Markettown Shopping Center.

The upgrade should cost over \$1 million, said Favre, and position the store to compete in the face of two Wal-Mart Supercenters that are under construction.

Sandwiched geographically by the new Wal-Marts in Waveland and Pass Christian, the Winn Dixie is a major generator of sales tax revenue for the city of Bay St. Louis.

"We are confident that once the furor of new stores is over that Bay St. Louis residents will return to their normal buying habits and will continue to support Bay Saint Louis businesses," the mayor said.

Even more costly construction, at over \$2.3 million, is in store at the St. Augustine Retreat Center, adding 40 beds to house visitors, according to Favre.

Meanwhile, he said, sales at Chapel Hill residential development are "strong." With 10 new homes already occupied, another is under construction, said the mayor. And another seven sites are under contract for construction, he added.

Activity in the 48-site planned development began

in 2000, after city leaders approved plans for the key, undeveloped beachfront tract at Highway 90 and North Beach Boulevard.

The mayor also cited expansion of Dunbar Village, where a renovation and expansion project will add 36 assisted living beds. "This facility continues to meet the resident rehabilitation and extended care needs. It is a prime example of how this community can provide specialized care for family members in the growing trend of extended family care, close to home," Favre said.

In commercial developments, Favre said the opening this month of the Sycamore House, a 40-seat restaurant in the former Mauffray home on Main Street.

The new dining facility, in a restored historic home, will "ignite more revitalization in the downtown area, helping to bridge the church/government gap that has hindered growth in the second block of Main," Favre said. "The restaurant will offer extended entertainment opportunities with its banquet room and exterior patios — always good for business in the Bay."

Meanwhile, groundwork for construction of an Advanced Collision store on Highway 90 is underway. Favre said the enterprise is a "major addition to the Highway 90 business community." The facility will be built near to the Firestone store, just inside the city limits.

Other economic activity Favre cited include a \$30,000 renovation of the former Amelia's Restaurant on South Beach Boulevard near the CSX tracks, converting the building into a sweet shop that will "renew our memories of the former Sunshine Ice Cream Parlor. Bay Sweets will meet a big need in servicing our tour bus and summer visitors," said the mayor.

Other renovations are planned for the New York, New York restaurant on North Beach, he said, saying that business is under new ownership and soon will have a new name as well. He also cited plans for a condominium and retail development recently approved as the "Beau Arts" redevelopment at Dunbar and Ulman streets.

City staff are working with two new restaurants to relocate them into Bay St. Louis, the mayor said.

And the area will see the medical community expand this year also, as the proposed Highway 90 medical complex begins development this year, Favre said. "...This type of development is not only vital to our existing quality of life, but is also a major recruitment tool for new residential and large business development."

Favre said city staff is compiling a property vacancy and commercial utility inventory to help in business recruitment efforts. The staff also is conducting a "regional shopping center and strip mall survey, to determine what retail businesses could be attracted here." We have identified two specific business opportunities from this survey to approach as we begin our recruitment campaign," said Favre.

The mayor said the city plans to forge a stronger retail relationship with the Mississippi Development Authority, and call on the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Development Bureau for assistance as well.

Even as the mayor offered his written economic report to City Council members Tuesday night, there were a few related matters on the agenda.

Roy Dedeaux, owner of Benigno's Restaurant, urged city attention to the

Depot District. The small commercial community has lost three businesses, he said, adding: "I'm kind of concerned we're kind of going in the wrong direction."

Dedeaux is urging the city to build a small walking tract on the Depot's green area, drawing residents to the area, and giving would-be walkers an alternative to the beachfront and Hancock Medical Center tracks.

He said many older citizens don't want to use the beachfront pathway because it's often too windy, and cars going up to 45 miles per hour are a bothersome distraction.

In other matters, council agreed to send two city representatives to an upcoming conference in New Orleans, where cities meet face-to-face with retail merchants they may be able to lure to town. Favre said it's such opportunities the city must seize, to keep the economy growing.

Council members noted that sales tax collections for October, the most recent figures available, popped over the \$100,000 mark, only the second such October rate in more than a decade.

Sales tax collections for the city were up 1.9 percent during 2002, the mayor said, but that's "not acceptable for a community that boasts of its low taxes and superior services."

Favre said he offered his economic report on Tuesday because often the public is unaware of many simultaneous plans and developments in the community.

"The city is starting the New Year in a strong position with confidence that our capital improvements campaign will now begin a healthy economic payoff. While public works is essential, so is our reputation for hospitality in business growth and retention."

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A placement test will be administered on Saturday, January 18, 2003, at 9:30 AM for boys seeking enrollment in the seventh or eighth grade classes at Saint Stanislaus for the 2003-2004 academic year. The cost of the test is \$8.

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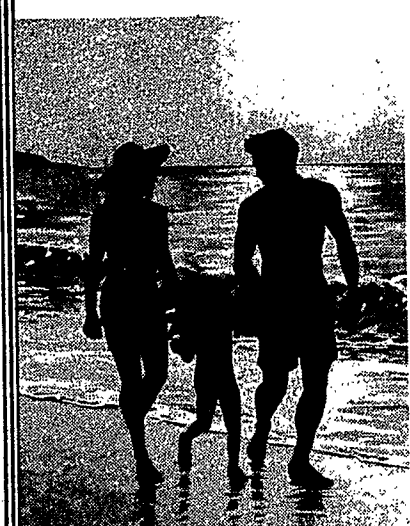
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Two jailed after shooting into Kiln man's home

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A Hancock County and a Bogalusa resident are lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility following a shooting into a dwelling in December, Sheriff Steve Garber reports.

"On January 6, Robert McMillan, 23, 4190 North Nassau St., Bay St. Louis, and Stanley Dewayne Moore, Jr., 37, 528 Ontario St., Bogalusa, La., were arrested for shooting into a dwelling on VFW Road in Kiln. The incident occurred on Dec. 22," Garber said.

Garber said, there was an incident involving

Stanley D. Moore Jr. in an aggravated assault involving a deadly weapon on VFW Road in Kiln.

"It appears this is a retaliation from the Dec. 8 assault. The case is still under investigation by the Sheriff Department's criminal investigation unit. Investigators John Luther, André Fizer and Matt Barnett are working the case and are assisted by Auxiliary Deputy David Dear," Garber said in his report.

Both McMillan and Moore are being held in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility without bond, Garber said.

Revelers damage Bay police cars

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

Three Bay St. Louis police cruisers were significantly damaged New Year's Eve, while officers were trying to disburse a crowd of revelers.

Chief Frank McNeil said his department received complaints about partying youths at a late-night gathering, and found at least 150 juveniles at a house downtown. The owner of the house, partying at an adjacent residence, said he did-

n't know the youths were drinking.

While the police were breaking up the party, youths gouged and damaged three patrol cars, McNeil said. Officials estimate the repair costs at \$1,500 to \$2,000.

No arrests were made, McNeil said, as police approached the matter with some New Year's Eve leniency. Officials said none of the intoxicated youths were allowed to drive away from the scene, however.

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BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
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Former candidate asks for sewer board changes

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Two Hancock county residents started out the New Year by asking the Board of Supervisors to help initiate some changes in the county. Tom Williams asked for changes at the Hancock County Water and Sewer District and Dorothy Hudson asked for more effective regulation of contractors.

Williams complained about policies at the Hancock County Water and Sewer Board which require landlords to put up a three month deposit for sewer service on rental properties. Williams said that tenants should be the ones required to make the deposit. He went on to say that he thought there should be an all around change within the district, from the Board of Directors on down. One of the board members is not a property owner, said

Williams and thus does not have a vested interest in the policies of the district. He also said that he felt it was a conflict of interest for State Rep. J.P. Compretta to act as the board attorney and that Director Eddie Renz had fired another employee, Chris Adams, to put his brother Don in the position.

When contacted, Eddie Renz said that if there were a problem with any of the issues that Williams raised, that their attorney would have advised them on it.

"I am not aware that it is requirement to own property to be on the board, Renz said. All our members live in the district. He said he could not say whether or not all of them owned property.

"As far as me firing Chris Adams, I didn't ... she still works here," said Renz. "She is the collection manager. The board created the position of administrative manager and hired another

person to fill it, a former health department employee, but that person resigned. My brother was qualified for the position and available at the time and the board hired him ... I had nothing to do with it."

Hudson appeared to ask supervisors for help to protect residents of the county from being ripped off by contractors, she said. She and her husband contracted with a company, she said, and paid 85 percent of a \$10,000 fee up front for a new roof and other repairs. The roof leaks, Hudson said, and the contractor has not been around to fix the problem.

The contractor presented himself to be licensed, insured, and bonded, she said.

"We just want to save other people from suffering the way we did," she said.

Attorney Ronnie Artigues said that because the contract was private, that the

county could take no action in the matter, but Tax Assessor/Collector Jimmy Ladner suggested that Hudson report the incident to the Attorney General, who Ladner said, was looking into similar complaints around the state.

Hudson said that though it may not be the county's problem, that the county and cities do have the option of whether or not to issue work permits to the contractors when they begin a job. There should be some sort of control that could keep this from happening, she said.

In other business: Lucien Bourgeois reported that the refinancing of two Hancock County Medical Center bond issues will save the county \$280,000 in interest on the two bonds totaling around \$9.8 million. The refinancing would not require an extension on the maturity. The bonds will still main-

tain a pay off date of August of 2012.

If you have written a bad check for a license plate, and have not rectified the problem, don't think you will get away with it. You may have a current tag on your car, but if you are stopped by a police officer you will find that the tag has been canceled. After the tax office notifies you of the mistake, if you do not come in to pay the fee then the case is sent to justice court and the tag is canceled, said Tax Assessor/Collector Jimmy Ladner. And the office will no longer accept

checks from that individual. If you write a bad check for property taxes and do not fix the problem, then the property goes to a tax sale.

Ladner also wanted to remind people that April 1 is the last day to apply for a homestead exemption. We want to make sure that people do not confuse the deadline for homestead exemptions with the deadline for filing tax returns, which is April 15, he said. The homestead exemption offers all homeowners a break on taxes and seniors an even larger tax break on primary residences.

13 qualified for local elections so far

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

By 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 had qualified for local offices in Hancock County at the Circuit Clerk's office since January 2, according to Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler.

Of the 13 to qualify, eleven are incumbents, 12 Democrats and one a Republican.

The primary elections will be held on August 5, with August 26 set as the second primary (run-off) date.

The qualifying deadline is 5 p.m. February 28, and

that includes, candidates for primary elections in August and Independent candidates whose will be in the November general election.

The list as they qualified include:

• Pamela Thomas Metzler - circuit clerk.

• Jimmie Ladner, Jr. - tax-assessor/collector.

• Timothy A. (Tim) Kellar - chancery clerk.

• Myrna L. Bourgeois - superintendent of education.

• Steve Seymour - board of supervisor, district four.

• Jay Cuevas - board of supervisor, district five.

• Lyonie (Jeep) Ladner Sr. - board of supervisor, district one.

• Roderick (Rocky) Pullman - board of supervisor, district two.

• Steve Garber - sheriff.

• Phillip A. Pavolini - constable, district one.

• Lisa L. Cowan - board of supervisor, district three.

• Eric Moran, Sr. - constable, district three.

• James A. (Jay) Lagasse, III - justice court judge, district two.

Cowan is the Republican, while Myrna Bourgeois is a

former superintendent of education. Lagasse, a former election commissioner is seeking the new justice court judge position in district two.

There is also a new constable position in district two in Hancock County.

Following the election, Hancock County will have three constable and three justice court judge positions.

New district lines will take effect before the August election.

For information on qualifying, contact the Circuit Clerk's office at 228-467-5265.

Man nabbed in stabbing

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

On Friday Hancock County Deputies received a complaint of a stabbing at Just Rubies Bar, Highway 90, just outside Waveland's city limits, Sheriff Steve Garber reports.

"Upon arrival, deputies found Brett Roderick, 41, lying on the floor with a stab wound to his stomach. Investigating officers

found that Roderick had been arguing with a female over a sweatshirt when the suspect, Tommy Dutton, 59, of Pass Christian, had stabbed him in the stomach," Garber's report said. "Roderick was transported to Hancock Medical Center where he went to surgery and was reported to be in a stable condition." Dutton was charged with aggravated assault. He is being held on a \$40,000 bond.

H.C. Women's Club to meet today in Bay

The Hancock Women's Club January luncheon will be held at Court Street Station Restaurant today, at 11 a.m. Donation money for the local charities will be decided. The ladies of HWC raised over \$1500 with their fund raising efforts and hope to do even better this 2003 year. Dr. Keith Goodfellow will speak to the group about cancer awareness in the woman zone and will be accompanied by Janet McQueen of Hancock Medical Center. For more, call Amelia at 467-0589.

Association of Co. Democratic Chairpersons meets Saturday

The Association of County Democratic Chairpersons will meet Saturday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Hancock County Justice Court Building, 306 Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis. The meeting will be chaired by Ricky L. Cole, chairman of the Democratic Party of the

State of Mississippi. Members of the Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee and all citizens of Hancock County and Mississippi are invited to attend.

For further information, contact Betty Tolar or Ricky Cole at 601-964-2913.

Coke -- raid

ing to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Capt. Matt Karl, Narcotics Division director, who is leading the investigation said, "Danny Hill, 37, Cathy Hill, 37, and Joseph Daniel Curet, 20, all of the same address, 4184 Artic St., have been charged with intent to distribute a controlled substance, and bonds set at \$50,000 each. All three were out on bond from an earlier roundup this year for drug sales. The fourth person arrested Tuesday and charged with possession of a controlled substance was Paula Massey, 19, residing at the same address, her bond was \$5,000."

"Agents, in gathering information, discovered the possibility of the three previously arrested and out on bond, were continuing drug sales. Enough information was obtained to secure a search warrant for the Artic

Street residence," Karl reported.

The seizure included 54 grams of uncut cocaine, eight one ounce bags of marijuana; 24 antidepressant pills, two valium pills, \$132 in cash, two pump shotguns, two .22 caliber rifles, one 30-30 caliber rifle, two black powder pistols, one .22 caliber pistol, digital scales, and drug paraphernalia," Karl said.

Karl estimated the values of drugs seized between

\$3,300 to \$3,500.

On Tuesday, Karl reported all four were still in jail as his department was trying to have the previous bonds for Danny Hill, Cathy Hill and Joseph Daniel Curet revoked.

Involved in the arrests were Karl, Agents Abe Long, Chris Russell and Clifton (Bubba) Malley with assistance from Hancock County Sheriff's Patrol Captain Joe Herring.

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Christmas may be behind us, but there is a Christmas in April fast approaching Hancock County.

Christmas in April-Hancock County is a special day which will be celebrated on Saturday, April 26.

It is a day when groups of volunteers get together to repair and rehabilitate the homes of the low-income elderly and disabled.

In case you wonder how Christmas in April came to Hancock County, it was really through the efforts of Margaret Hadden.

She was active in Christmas in April-Harrison County, and in 1996, when she retired, she got together with several others from Hancock County, and Christmas in April was able to be formed here as an affiliate of Harrison County.

The first year of the program in Hancock County saw three homes receiving facelifts. Since then there have been years when as many as a dozen homeowners have been helped in small and large ways.

At this time of year, Christmas in April is seeking several things.

First, there is a need of volunteers from churches, businesses, schools, community service organizations, corporations, industries, associations and interested individuals.

All types of trades can be used, and volunteers

do not need to be skilled at home repairs, but any skills will be well-utilized.

By the way, Hadden is still very active in Christmas in April-Hancock County, as she acts as a spokesperson.

Second, there is a need of low-income elderly and disabled homeowners who are not able to do the work themselves to have their names submitted by a church, community organization and service groups to refer houses to Christmas in April. These will be discussed

by the board of directors on various qualification criteria as to whether the house meets eligibility criteria.

Third, there is a need of funds to purchase supplies. These can be from churches, businesses, corporations, foundations, service organizations and clubs, associations and individuals.

There is also a need for the donations of supplies for the necessary work.

Christmas in April does repairs in the following areas: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, plastering, painting, glazing, weather stripping, as well as trash removal and cleaning. So all types of supplies can be used.

The local Christmas in April is a 501(c)3 organization and a member of

They still don't get it

They still don't get it: The gravity of Trent Lott's remarks at the 100th birthday of Strom Thurmond regretting that America didn't make Strom president and install Jim Crowism as national policy in 1948.

Trent doesn't get it, as demonstrated by his latest comments on returning to Washington: Blaming some unnamed person and the "timing" of his bad joke for getting him into the stew that cost him his GOP leadership post.

No mea culpa or act of contrition for the deeper, hurtful meaning of the words he flippantly tossed off at what he obviously considered just a gathering of good ol' Southern boys.

Yeah, the timing was bad, Trent. Like a throwback of 54 years. Taking all of us back to what Strom's segregationist Dixiecrats were all about: To block President Truman's civil rights proposals - fair employment practice laws, outlawing lynchings and the poll tax.

What Trent said evidently reminded too many present-day Republicans that the roots of their Southern base are directly traceable back to the Dixiecrats of 1948.

Obviously, someone in the White House, strategist Karl Rove very likely, got it and quickly Trent was history as the GOP's Senate spokesman.

However, some right-wingers with access to the public print down in our neck of the woods don't get what Trent's mouth has wrought.

One transplanted Kansas preacher type who fancies himself a political pundit tells us in public print Trent's words were mere "hyperbole." And extols Lott as a hero. And that Trent's critics are the real racists.

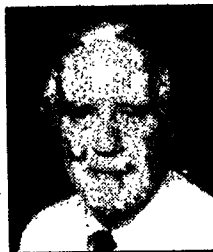
Not content to merely indulge in apologetics for Lott, this same preacher-pundit, named Matt Friedeman, overreached to also attack President Ron Mason of Jackson State University for speaking, out in a Clarion-Ledger op-ed piece responding to Lott's remarks and past record

and how they resonate in the African-American community.

Dr. Mason is no politician, no dabbler in political punditry. He's a highly-regarded academician. Articulate, erudite.

It was especially important for the state's white community-and black person of his stature to provide an historical perspective of this event through the lens of an African-American's eyes.

Because Dr. Mason is also a state employee in a high profile position in the



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

Friedeman then steps way over the line, openly charging Dr. Mason with being insensitive to "what ails black Mississippi," namely desperate black women who seek abortions at a clinic in Jackson outside of which he (Friedeman) prays.

Of course this preacher, who has set himself up as moral savior in these parts ever since he blew into town from Kansas 10 years ago, knows nothing about the depths of rural poverty in Mississippi which for years has driven thousands of young blacks with meager education or

Coming from a very modest New Orleans family background, (his dad was a letter carrier) Mason recalls growing up with five brothers and sisters and a loving mother in a small house three blocks away from a mid-city public housing project where hundreds of formerly rural blacks landed.

He was the first black freshman admitted to academically-strong Jesuit High School in New Orleans; played in the band, then to Columbia University on an academic scholarship. "When I went to New York City to enroll, it the first time I had ever left the state of Louisiana or had flown on an airplane," he remembers.

By the time he came home, he had a doctorate in law from Columbia, plus a pile of college loans that took him nearly 15 years to pay off.

Poetically, the public housing project near where he grew up later figured in Mason's professional life when he became a hands-on federal monitor of the Public Housing Authority of New Orleans over which Tulane University had oversight under a contract with the National Center for the Urban Community.

Tulane's president, impressed with Mason's talents as both an administrator and attorney, made him the University's general counsel and began moving him up the ladder to become Tulane's senior vice-president by the latter 1990s.

Three years ago the state College Board in Mississippi lured Ron Mason away from Tulane (my alma mater) to take over the JSU presidency and carry out the institution's mission as a strong urban university. His task has been made tougher by nearly \$100 million in funding cuts for higher education the past three years and \$45 million more in prospect.

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"What Trent (Lott) said evidently reminded too many present-day Republicans that the roots of their Southern base are directly traceable back to the Dixiecrats of 1948."

field of higher education, it took no small amount of courage for him to speak frankly and critically in public print.

Out of hand, preacher-pundit Friedeman branded Dr. Mason one of the racists who are "bashing the brains" out of Lott. That because the JSU president indirectly linked Lott to institutional racism and its historically adverse effects on blacks in terms of imprisonment, shorter lives, poorer education and less economic opportunity.

Actually, Dr. Mason said that Lott was no more culpable of perpetuating the system of institutional racism than many others in Congress but that because he had "sounded like a proponent" of the system it cost him his leadership job with his own Republican colleagues.

job training from their families' dirt-poor hovels and shacks into the cities hoping to find work and a better life.

Nor does he know that Ronald Mason, now a college president, is no stranger to working among the rural poor in Mississippi's Delta and elsewhere in the South, organizing rural co-ops to upgrade family incomes and quality of life to help families remain on the land.

From 1977 through 1981, working with the Southern Co-operative Development Fund based in Lafayette, LA, Mason organized low-income co-ops, spending much of his time in the Mississippi Delta alongside such anti-poverty stalwarts as the late Charles Bannerman, the legendary black leader from Greenville.

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What values are we teaching our kids?

To the Editor:

When young students in school take a test, they receive a grade. They also get back their tests so they can review them. In this way they can see what parts of the test they did well on and what parts of the test they might need to improve upon. With this approach they are learning, if they study, that they have a chance to improve their grade on the next test.

This, however, is not the approach that is taken with school athletes, I believe. What lesson in life are we teaching our young athletes when we require them to march up by themselves and stand in front of a single piece of paper that is stuck on some wall to see their results?

We know what goes through the mind of someone who made the team: joy, excitement, jubilation. But most people do not wonder or care about the things that go through the minds of the large majority of kids who do not make it: sorrow,

despair, and self-doubt.

How many young people have been cast aside in this way, without ever having anyone talking to them? Again what lesson are we teaching them? Are we teaching them to be cold and callous?

Some athletes start chasing their dreams in middle school and are as young as twelve or thirteen years of age. Do we really want to make them into "stiff upper-lip" Marines that young?

Teachers as well as school coaches are molding the minds of our future leaders. Coaches require these kids to participate in hours of tryouts.

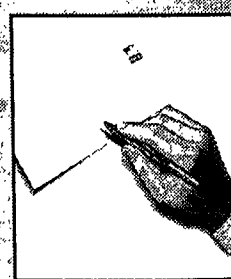
Don't these kids who spent this time and then do not make the team deserve a few minutes of the coaches' time? I think that the tragedies of the past with regard to school violence should have taught us by now that kids need and want to be accepted by their peers, teachers and coaches.

The time spent rebuilding the kids' confidence and

Letters to the Editor

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self-esteem is important. But it must not be just a whitewash statement like, "Next season you will be a better player, and then maybe you can make the team." Instead, give them specific details on their areas of strength as well as their areas of weakness.

They should also be given encouragement so that they can rebuild their self-confidence. All of this could be accomplished in a one-to-one private conversation in a matter of a few minutes. These few minutes spent, I think, would make a lot of difference in an athlete's

evaluation of his own personal growth and development.

We as a society only worship winners and cast aside losers. Unfortunately, not always do coaches recognize potentially outstanding athletic abilities in young people.

A good example of this is a young athlete who was cut from his high school varsity basketball team; his name was Michael Jordan.

The parent of a young athlete
Larry Main
Bay St. Louis

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Bay man owns first Segway in state

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

When a new invention aired on "Good Morning America" about a year ago, Phil Webb enthusiastically followed its progress.

The invention, a two-wheeled human transportation device, also made appearances on the television shows "Frasier" and "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno."

"I like new inventions and high-tech items," said Webb, who owns Best Pawn in Bay St. Louis.

Webb liked the Segway Human Transporter (HT) e Series so much that he purchased one for his business and consequently became the first person in Mississippi to own one.

Business owners who are approved by the manufacturer may purchase commercial models like Webb's now; individuals will be able to receive their regular models beginning in March.

In order to purchase his \$5,500 model, Webb even had to travel to Bedford, N.H., for a one-day training course at the factory.

For those who have never seen the Segway HT, the reason for all this fuss may not seem obvious.

The 95-pound machine, which is no wider than a person's shoulders, was designed to work in the same fashion as a person's sense of balance. If the "driver" leans forward, the Segway HT moves forward. When the driver leans back, the HT moves backwards. To stop it, simply stand straight up. In order to

turn, the driver rotates the steering grip under his or her wrist.

The Segway HT e Series can hold a passenger up to 250 pounds and hold up to 75 pounds of cargo. It takes about four to six hours to charge and only costs about 10 cents of electricity to do so.

One capability of the machine is a zero-degree turning radius, which allows the Segway HT to turn in place.

Another neat trick the transporter performs is self-balancing. It does this through dynamic stabilization and has "solid-state gyroscopes, tilt sensors, high-speed microprocessors and powerful electric motors performing to keep it balanced."

In plain talk, the Segway HT is a nifty gadget that can stand up by itself and glide around without a steering wheel.

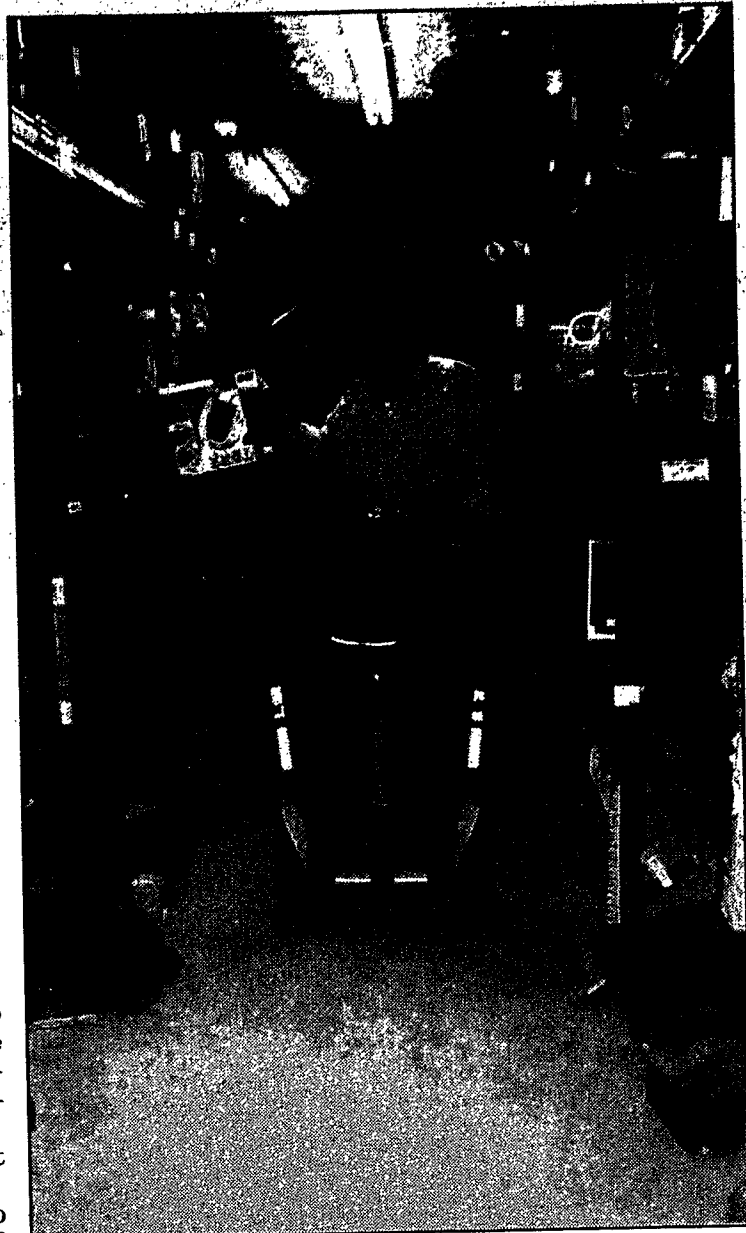
It was for these reasons Webb purchased the Segway HT for his business. He believed it would help quicken trips through the approximate 10,000-square-foot warehouse and showroom.

"It's useful in helping get things faster," he said.

Webb's employees also find the Segway HT useful and a bit entertaining.

"It's pretty cool," Jared Favre said. "I've never seen anything like it before."

"It takes a few minutes to get the hang of it," Zack Adams said. "It takes longer to master it, but once you do, it becomes second nature."



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins
Phil Webb, owner of Best Pawn in Bay St. Louis, uses the Segway HT e Series to scoot around his warehouse.

After using the Segway HT for a while, both Adams and Webb said it takes a minute or two to readjust to walking again.

"It feels like you're walking on air," Webb said.

For more information about the Segway HT, visit www.segway.com. Webb said anyone who was interested in seeing the Segway HT in action may visit him at Best Pawn.

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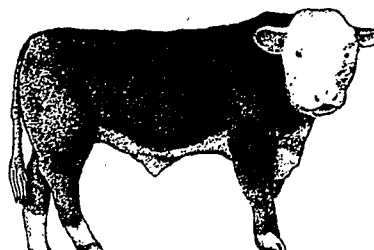
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Pass Christian Fire Dept. receives grant

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently awarded the Pass Christian Fire Department with a federal grant from the 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Pass Christian Fire Chief Richard Marvil said the award would be used to purchase new safety and training equipment.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program was designed as an opportunity for the United States Congress to work with FEMA to enhance basic fire service delivery across the United States.

Over 5,000 departments will receive \$360 million to support fire protection, EMS delivery, vehicle purchase and prevention programs.

The request for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program was written and submitted by Sue Chamberlain on behalf of the Pass Christian Fire Department.

The total project cost approved was \$93,703. The federal share was 90 percent of the approved amount (or \$84,333). The city of Pass Christian will match that amount with the remaining 10 percent (\$9,370).

USMGC to offer premature infant massage program

Incorporating infant massage into the daily care of premature infants will be the focus of a two-day course this month at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Holistic Premature Program: A Holistic Approach to Family-Centered Care in the NICU, a USMGC Division of Continuing Education course, will be offered from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 11-12 at the Gulf Park campus in Long Beach.

This course will provide information for parents and professionals interested in incorporating infant massage into the daily care of premature infants.

The cost of the course is \$220.

For more information or to register, call the USMGC Division of Continuing Education at (228) 867-8777.

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Back to Trent Lott. Maybe Friedeman regards Trent a "hero," foremost because of his pro-life public posture. But if Trent has done so much to protect the institution of motherhood, why is it:

* Trent has been a no-show in helping the Mississippi Department of Health when it needed sufficient federal Title X funding for its Family Planning Program to provide adequate counseling and medical care for the numbers of poor women who come to the department for help?

* Trent, as I recall, did nothing to help pass the Clinton administration-sponsored Family and

Medical Leave Act of 1993? It requires companies with 50 or more employees to guarantee workers unpaid leaves of up to 12 months for childbirth, adoption of a child or serious illness of a child or other close family member.

Incidentally, Dr. Mason tells me he is under heavy pressure from Jackson State alumni to take Trent Lott's name off the school's Geospatial Research and Visualization Center, which Lott helped fund two years ago after Mason confronted the Senator over his lack of support for JSU in the past.

Notwithstanding the pressure, Dr. Mason says Lott's name will stay.

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'Sustainable Fisheries' seminar series under way at USMGC

A seminar series featuring experts in the health of Gulf of Mexico estuaries and Gulf fisheries sustainability got under way Wednesday at the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.

The initial session featured an "Introduction to Gulf Fisheries" presentation by Harriet Perry.

Registration for the entire series is \$50 and will be accepted through Jan. 13. Registration for single sessions is \$5 each. To make reservations, contact Dale Fremin at (228) 872-4256 or send e-mail to dale.fremin@usm.edu.

Sessions on current and controversial issues in marine fisheries science and conservation biology will be held at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays through April 30 in Caylor Auditorium at the GCRL.

Presentations by speakers are scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon. A brown-bag lunch will be provided from noon until 1 p.m. and will feature informal discus-

sions and interactions with speakers.

The seminars are part of a graduate course offered through the Southern Miss Department of Coastal Sciences and the Center for Fisheries Research and Development, both headquartered at the laboratory.

The course will culminate in a mock trial in which the graduate students will draw upon information from the seminar speakers and individual research to address the following issue:

Should the Gulf of Mexico be declared a no-take zone?

"This course takes participants into the 'real world' of fisheries science and provides advocacy for or against an issue," said Perry, a fisheries biologist. "These issues are of importance to a wide range of agency personnel and coastal residents who use gulf resources in their work and recreation."

Director of the fisheries center at GCRL, Perry is the coastal sciences faculty

member who organized the course.

The title is "Current Issues in Marine Fisheries and Conservation Biology: America's Sea . . . Is the Gulf of Mexico at Risk?"

Other seminars during the series will include:

- Status of Gulf of Mexico Estuaries and Fisheries Sustainability Organic and Domestic Contaminants (Tom Herrington, Food and Drug Administration, Gulf of Mexico Program; Julia Lytle, USM GCRL) Jan. 15

- Heavy Metal Contaminants with Emphasis on the Mercury Crisis (Wayne Ishpording, University of South Alabama; LaDon Swann, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant; Ben Raines, Mobile Register) Jan. 22

- Eutrophication: The Dead Zone (Nancy Rabalais, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium) Jan. 29

- Wetlands (Mark LaSalle, Mississippi State University Extension Service) Feb. 5

- Invasive Species (Perry) Feb. 12

- OPEN Feb. 19 To Be Announced

- Ecological Effects of Fishing (Mark Peterson, USM GCRL; Perry) Feb. 26

- OPEN March 5 (To Be Announced)

- SPRING BREAK March 12

- OPEN March 19 (To Be Announced)

- Culture Fisheries (Chris Bridger and Jeffrey Lotz, USM GCRL; Tom McIlwain, National Marine Fisheries Service) March 26

- Marine Protected Areas as Management Tools (Felecia Coleman, Florida State University) April 2

- Artificial Reefs (Ron Lukens, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission) April 9 Dates to Be Announced

- The Menhaden Fishery: A Case Study (Larry Simpson, GSMFC)

- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (TBA)

- Recreational Fisheries (Jim Franks, USM GCRL)

Scott Aquarium new ocean sciences center of excellence

By Linda Skupien

The University of Southern Mississippi's Scott Aquarium will soon be home to a new regional center of excellence in ocean sciences education.

The National Science Foundation, the nation's largest science research and education agency, has awarded eight grants to form seven centers around the country, plus a central coordinating office in Washington, D.C.

Biloxi's J.L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium will serve as headquarters for the Central Gulf of Mexico Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence.

The new program is designed to integrate ocean sciences research into the delivery of high-quality education programs, and will pull together universities and agencies from Florida to Texas. In addition to NSF, agencies contributing to the \$1.1 million, three-year start-up for the gulf region are the Office of Naval Research and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Sea Grant College Program.

The central gulf center will launch its first program for Mississippi teachers this summer at the Scott Aquarium - a five-day institute for teachers of grades 5-9. Teams composed of teachers and researchers will explore the topics of deep sea technologies, habitats and organisms and coastal processes.

Full scholarships are provided for participants. For registration information, call (228) 374-5550 or e-mail scott.aquarium@usm.edu.

Satellite centers in Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas also will host summer institutes for teachers and researchers from those states.

Dr. Sharon H. Walker, Scott Aquarium administrator, has been in the forefront nationally in developing such programs to "bridge the gap" between the newest knowledge discovered by researchers and knowledge available to teachers, students and the general public.

"It can take years for new research findings to filter down into science textbooks," Walker said. "Since the early 1990s, we have developed programs here at the aquarium that bring classroom teachers and informal educators together with scientists. Educators learn firsthand about the newest discoveries and knowledge related to marine plants, animals and processes, ocean technology and global change."

"We will be incorporating into the work of the new center all that we have learned about the process of preparing educators. This new program will expand our capability for equipping teachers to deal with complex, rapidly changing scientific issues."

James Yoder, director of the NSF's division of ocean sciences, said the work of the COSEE network as a whole will promote better understanding of the key role that the oceans play in global environmental cycles and processes.

"COSEE activities will also highlight the contribution that ocean science researchers make to scientific knowledge in these

important areas," Yoder said.

"We at NSF are encouraging the ocean science research community to become more involved in education at all levels. The establishment of the COSEE network is an important milestone in our work to promote and catalyze such efforts."

The new centers will link people with ocean sciences research organizations and education and outreach leaders in diverse communities. COSEE will ensure that under-represented groups have improved access to ocean sciences education and research.

COSEE will also provide expertise to researchers involved in education; provide incentives for school districts and teachers to include ocean sciences in their educational efforts; and help develop and disseminate educational materials on ocean sciences research results.

Other COSEE regional headquarters include the New England Aquarium, Boston; University of California at Berkeley; University of Southern California; Rutgers University, New Jersey; University of South Florida; and the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium. The Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education in Washington, D.C., will serve as the network's coordinating office.

The Scott Aquarium and its parent organization, the university's Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, are part of the Southern Miss College of Marine Sciences.

U.S. Rep. Taylor announces NOAA grant for Gulf States Marine Fisheries

U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor announced that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) in Ocean Springs has been awarded a \$90,564 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

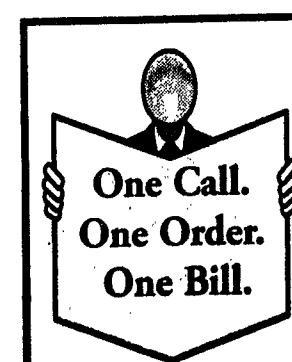
NOAA is an agency of the Department of Commerce. Taylor said GSMFC will use the grant to provide fishery monitoring and other information that is essential to the management of fishery resources in the Gulf of Mexico.

This independent information will be collected without direct reliance on statistics

reported by commercial and recreational fishermen.

"Commercial and recreational fishing are important to South Mississippi's economy.

This grant will assist GSMFC in its efforts to coordinate and assess fishery resources in a cost efficient manner," Taylor said.



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South Mississippi agencies awarded second housing development grant

Cooperative efforts by social service agencies and residents on the coast to help the homeless are paying off for a second time.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded the second three-year grant to the nonprofit group Open Doors Continuum of Care in the amount of \$473,529.

South Mississippi AIDS Task Force will receive \$385,497 and CROSS in Moss Point will receive \$88,032.

The ODDC group consists of individual volunteers and representatives of nonprofit agencies whose mission is to help homeless residents find shelter and other services such as mental health counseling, substance abuse and child care. "This is about opening doors for the homeless," said Aletha Burge, chairwoman of Open Doors Continuum of Care, Director of Community Impact at United Way of South Mississippi and one of the volunteers who helped launch the program in January 2000. The United Way of South Mississippi has underwritten the operational costs of this organization for three years.

Participating in the coalition are representatives from the six-county area of Hancock, Harrison, George,

Jackson, Stone and Pearl River counties.

One of the group's founders as well as executive director of Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Rev. Shari Prestemon, said the group formed after they learned federal money was available to groups who worked in a collaborative effort to help the homeless.

The first grant was received in November 2001 in the amount of \$495,469.

The money must be used to provide permanent housing for disabled homeless residents. In this case, for example, the South Mississippi Aids Task Force will use this money to support permanent housing and supportive services for those who have HIV/AIDS and no where to live.

According to ODDC members, receiving the grant not only helps the homeless, but also lends credibility to the program by being recognized by HUD.

With this kind of credibility, members hope local support from individuals and foundations can also be generated.

According to a recent report from the National Coalition for the Homeless, the fastest growing segment of the population is homeless families, with 25 percent or 1.2 million listed as children under the age of

18.

The estimated number of homeless people greatly exceeds the emergency shelter space. As the gap between wages, income, and the cost of housing -- already at an all-time high -- continues to grow, more people are likely to experience homelessness and need emergency services.

Burge hopes to get even more updated local data once United Way has compiled and analyzed data from the second point in time survey of the homeless.

ODDC members prepared questionnaires that were delivered to the homeless camps and other areas occupied by the homeless in the six coastal counties.

The families were asked how they ended up homeless, the number of people in their household and the type of social service agencies they'd used. In addition, volunteers went to Coast soup kitchens to question homeless residents who stopped there to eat.

Burge said the group will use the money to pay rent for the homeless who are disabled and referred to the program by social service agencies. Helping the homeless to learn to become self-sufficient is the ultimate goal. She also pointed out that some are so disabled that they will never

be able to work.

"It's just the right thing to do," Burge said. "We have the real possibility of making a difference in homelessness in South Mississippi. It is not a problem that federal dollars alone can solve. The power is in the community working together."

Over 20 service agencies and organizations from six South Mississippi counties are active in the coalition, fostering programs to address homelessness in this area.

Open Doors Continuum of Care meets the third Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Those interested in attending may contact Aletha Burge at United Way of South Mississippi, (228) 863-4884 ext. 12.

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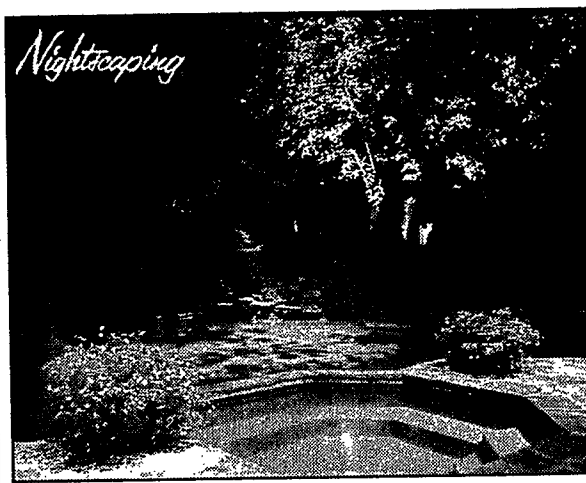
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Arts Council to meet Jan. 29

The second meeting has been set for supporters of the proposed Arts Council for Hancock County for Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis branch of the Hancock County Library System.

The purpose is to provide visual artists, performing artists, artisans, friends and supporters of the arts with a progress report and to determine next steps.

The first meeting was held in late November. More than 50 artists and friends of the arts attended the informal gathering, spear-headed by Gwen Impson.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether or not there is a need to establish an Arts Council as a clearing-house for all arts related information; to serve as a resource for artists, schools and the community; and, to create an economic tool to attract visitors, additional artists, and arts-related businesses to the Hancock County area.


Those who attended were asked to complete a questionnaire to determine resources and to

begin to build a database of supporters. To date, more than 80 responses have been received.

"We are overwhelmed by the response we have received," said Gwen Impson. "We know there are even more people who want to provide input and get involved, and we encourage them to do so by making plans to attend the meeting," she said.

"We also hope they will take time to complete the Arts Council questionnaire available through the Hancock Chamber, branches of the Hancock County Library System, Bookends and Da Beach House," said Impson.

For more information, contact the Hancock Chamber at 467-9048 or Gwen Impson at 467-1007.



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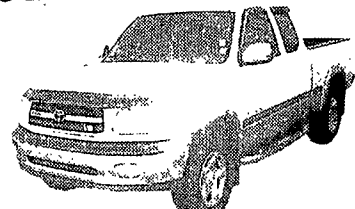
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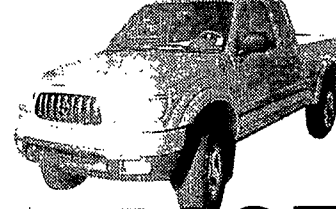
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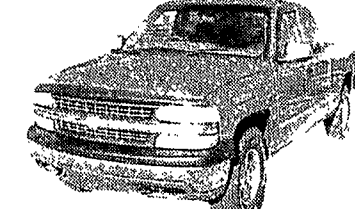
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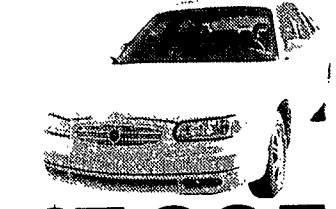
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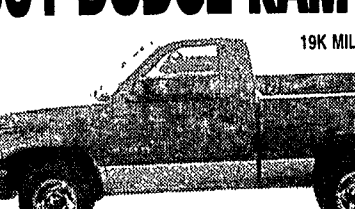
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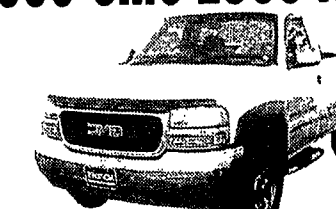
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**ALFRED LADNER
EDWARD ORFILA
LAURENT SMITH
DR. RAY STEWART
JEFFREY THOMAS
CLARENCE TUDURY
JOSEPH WYMER**

ALFRED LADNER
Alfred "Put" Ladner, 71, of Diamondhead, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, in Diamondhead.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

EDWARD ORFILA
Edward Ronald Orfila, 76, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, January 4, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Orfila was a native of New Orleans and has been a resident of Pass Christian for the past 8 years. He was a veteran of the United States Navy having served in World War II. Mr. Edwards was a graduate of Tulane University and was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian and of the Pass Christian Yacht Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Helen Orfila; and by one daughter, Jane Todd Szush.

Survivors include his wife, Anita W. Orfila of Pass Christian; his son, Stuart Ronald Orfila and wife, Becky of Bakersfield, California; his daughter, Anne Betz and husband, Albert of Pass Christian; his son-in-law Jim Szush and wife, Robin of Thibodaux, Louisiana; and by 7 grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian.

Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian. Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue, Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers donations to the Altar Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 Church Ave., Pass Christian, MS 39571, or to the Coast Episcopal School,

22037 Episcopal School Road, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

LAURENT SMITH
Laurent S. Smith, 94, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003 in Carriere, Miss.

A native of upstate New York, Mr. Smith has been a resident of the Mississippi Coast since 1969 when he retired from Shell Oil Company in New Orleans. This retirement followed a lengthy career in drafting and engineering, which included the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Tennessee Valley Authority. Mr. Smith was best known for his work in fine arts, specializing in Southern landscapes, town and country scenes, done with oil on canvas in highly detailed realism.

Survivors include a son, Gary Spencer Smith of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Laurie Tampkin of Columbia, S.C.; and a granddaughter, Jennifer Marie Maze of Spring, Texas.

Graveside services will be conducted today, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Metairie.

Schoen Funeral Home in Slidell is in charge of arrangements.

DR. RAY STEWART
Dr. Ray H. Stewart, 79, a longtime Coast physician, died Jan. 5, 2003, in Gulfport.

Dr. Stewart was born Dec. 9, 1923. He was a native of Magee, Miss.

A decorated war veteran, he was a pilot with the Army Air Corps during WW II. He was a 1st Lieutenant with the 326th Troop Carrier Squadron. After WW II, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and in 1955 his doctorate of medicine from the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Stewart moved with his family to Gulfport in 1957 where he practiced medicine until his death. He served on the staff of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, also as the medical director for the Dupont DeLisle plant and served with the Mississippi State Department of Health with the Harrison County Health Department. He was a Mason, a member of the American Medical Association, the Coast Counties Medical Association and was a lifetime member of the American Legion. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Health Care Trust Fund, the Harrison County Courthouse Site Selection Committee and was a volunteer with the Harrison County Civil Defense. He received numerous awards of recognition from state and local government agencies.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvester S. Stewart and Mary Craft Stewart, and a grandson, Stewart Michael Webb.

Survivors include his wife, Garnett Stewart of Long Beach; a son David Stewart of Gulfport; daughters Susan Pagano of Gulfport, Beverly King of Winchester, Va., Debbie Webb of Hattiesburg and Becky Stewart of Long Beach; two stepsons, Michael Cuevas of Long Beach and David Cuevas of Gulfport; a special family member, Sara Harrison Burns of Monroe, N.C.; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Jan. 9, 6-9 p.m. at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of the funeral home with visitation one hour before. A burial procession will follow to Long Beach City Cemetery.

JEFFREY THOMAS
Jeffrey Steven Thomas, 44, of Folsom, La., died Sunday, January 5, 2003.

Mr. Thomas was a native of Jackson, Ms., a resident of Pass Christian for 15 years and a resident of Folsom for the past five years.

He was the husband of Janell Lynn Lizana Thomas; father of Jeffrey C. Thomas and Jessica Lynn Thomas; son of Charles L. and Donnie Shaw Thomas of Clinton, Ms.; brother of Charles G. Thomas of Braxton, Ms. and Anthony A. Thomas of New York City, New York.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday in the chapel of E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, Inc. in Covington.

CLARENCE TUDURY
Clarence John Tudury, 77, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, in Biloxi.

Mr. Tudury was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis and was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. He was retired from the U.S. Navy serving during World War II, Korea and the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post 139, VFW Post 3253, Bay St. Louis, and the Disabled Veterans Administration.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence A. and Irene Sylvester Tudury; a brother, Vernon Tudury; and a sister, Ida Rose Peters.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Staehle Tudury; sons William J. Tudury and James A. Tudury; a daughter, Linda K. Yanok, all of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Unice Krupa of Tampa, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Jan. 9, 7-9 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary at 8 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A

prayer service will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Interment with full military honors will be at 11:30 a.m. in Biloxi National Cemetery.

The family requests donations to the American Heart Association, P. O. Box 6358, Gulfport, MS 39506.

JOSEPH WYMER
Joseph Lawrence Wymer, 87, of Waveland, died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, in Gulfport. Arrangements are incomplete at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

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Originally, projected costs for the project were estimated to be about \$508,000. The original application requested \$407,000 with a \$101,000 match from the county.

Restoration goals were prioritized, with the replacement of windows and rotting window sills and jambs the top priority after the replacement of the roof. Window replacement was estimated at \$285,000. This restoration was to include the replacement of 52 units with new insulated, wood-clad windows that replicate original window style and detail.

Although there was talk of restoring the dome on the second floor of the building, that idea was abandoned because of the need for two courtrooms/meeting rooms on the second floor. The restoration of the dome would be lost if the large upstairs room were divided.

However, planners did request \$42,500 to document and stabilize the ceiling, dome and lath structure to prevent further damage to the dome.

The original courtroom spanned the full width of the second floor and was highlighted by the central dome under a roof-mounted cupola. The cupola was destroyed during Hurricane Camille and the repair effort in the old frame with no cupola. There was also damage to the plaster ceiling and dome and decorative trims and moldings.

Other miscellaneous repairs include the replacement of handrails at the front entrance consistent with the historical age of the building, the restoration of the front door with transom and decorative stone casing, and the removal of

carpet from first floor offices to refinish the pine floors in light traffic areas and replace the carpet in high traffic areas.

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conform to new code standards for location, height and length. The front door would be refinished and decorative casing repaired or recast from original molds.

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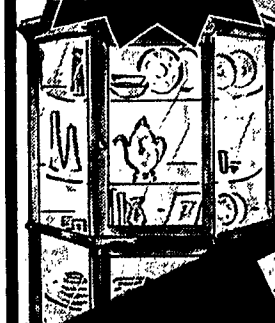
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BUSINESS NEWS

State Farm granted 25% rate increase

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — State Farm Insurance Co. customers across Mississippi, except on the Gulf Coast, will see their homeowners' policies increase by 19.9 percent when they come up for renewal, Insurance Commissioner George Dale said Friday.

In the three coastal counties, insurance premiums will increase 25 percent, Dale said.

State Farm earlier asked Dale to raise homeowner policy rates by an average of 42.5 percent in most counties and 79 percent for flood and hurricane prone Gulf Coast residents.

State Farm spokesman Greg Geren in Birmingham, Ala., said Friday that the company will not appeal Dale's decision.

"We understand that rate increases impact our Mississippi policyholders," Geren said. "At the same time, we must remain financially strong in order to protect those same customers."

Geren said the new rates will take effect June 1 for policies coming up for renewal, and April 15 for new homeowner policies.

State Farm had not written policies for new customers in Mississippi since

October, claiming it has lost millions of dollars in the state over the past five years.

"Granting a modified increase to State Farm will allow the company with the largest market share in the state to continue to write homeowner's insurance," Dale said. "One important aspect of my job is to maintain a marketplace for the sale of insurance."

State Farm officials said at a hearing Dec. 19 that the requested increase was the minimum needed to financially break even in Mississippi.

The company has said it lost \$50 million in Mississippi last year and more than \$110 million over the past five years.

Increasing fire, water and freeze-related claims have been the largest contributors to the company's rising costs, the company said.

State Farm is the largest insurer of homes in Mississippi with about 160,000 policies.

"We will continue to provide the good neighbor service we are known for, despite the business challenges this places on us in the Mississippi marketplace," Geren said.

Holiday retail jobs helped lower unemployment rate

By BARBARA POWELL
Associated Press Writer

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi's unemployment rate dropped in November to 6.1 percent from 6.7 percent the month before, a change mainly attributed to the addition of 2,700 retail jobs in the state.

November's unadjusted rate of 6.1 percent is higher than the national unadjusted employment rate of 5.7 percent.

That fact may help Mississippi's unemployed when Congress takes up debate as early as next week on whether to approve some form of the Temporary Emergency Unemployment Compensation program. That program, which expired Dec. 28, gave workers an extra 13 weeks of unemployment benefits after they had exhausted their standard 26 weeks of state benefits.

One of the proposals that will be considered would extend the benefits programs longer for the 16 states whose unemployment levels are above 5.5 percent. When the program was cut off, there were 23,720 laid-off workers in Mississippi that were drawing federal unemployment benefits.

At least one state, Idaho, has continued to pay the benefits with the expectation that Congress would extend the program and make it retroactive to Dec. 28.

Meanwhile, the number of unemployed in the state fell to 80,400 in November from 87,700 in October, according to the Mississippi Employment Security Commission.

There were more unemployed workers in the state last month compared to the same period the year before, when 73,500 unemployed workers were looking for jobs.

The number of people on welfare has also been increasing. In the third quarter, caseloads rose by 10 percent to 19,262, according to the Center for Law and Social Policy. The increase indicates that low-

wage jobs were on the decline.

Seasonal retail job growth, however, was strong for the month of November when retailers added 2,700 jobs.

The state also experienced job gains in health services, transportation, mining and industrial machinery sectors in November.

Mississippi continued to lose manufacturing jobs, 1,700 jobs in that sector disappeared in November.

Across the state, 31 counties had rates lower than the state average of 6.1 percent in November while 19 counties had double-digit unemployment. Rankin County had the state's lowest rate at 3 percent. Choctaw County had the state's highest rate at 16.8 percent.

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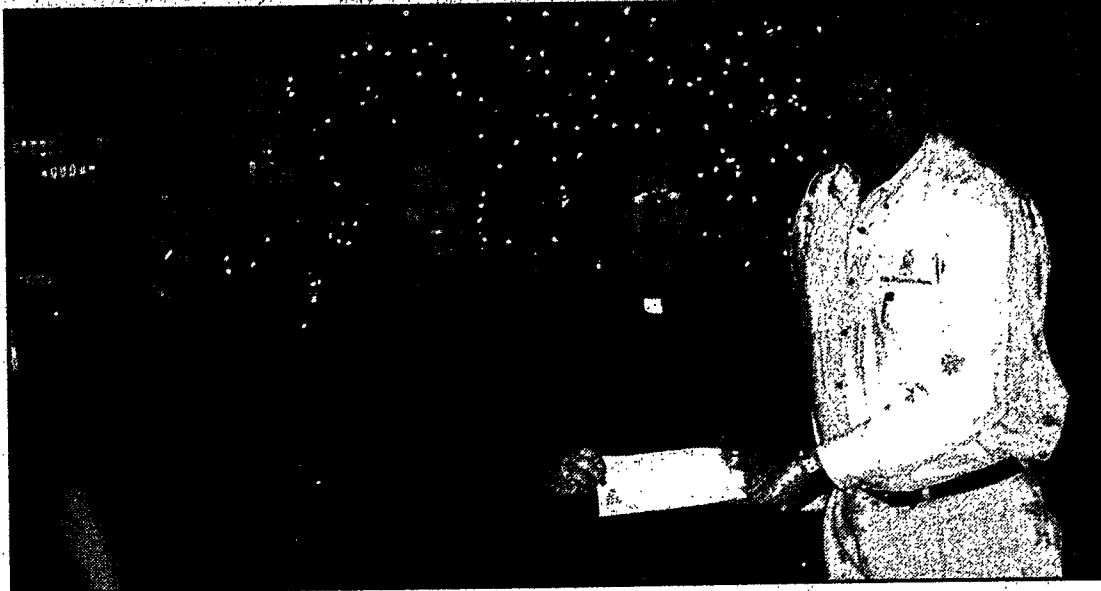
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Cheyls C. Swetman, president and CEO of The Peoples Bank recently handed out two checks, each totaling \$5,000 to two local non-profit organizations.

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The second \$5,000 check was presented to the Junior

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Mediacom -- rate hike expected

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it's getting the maximum fee it can from the company, including a percentage of Mediacom's digital and online services. He said the Mississippi Municipal Association has a specialist available for hire to help in cable contracts — a service the city probably will need to scour the franchise arrangement.

Meanwhile, as of Feb. 1, the company's "rate adjustment" will put Broadcast Basic fees at \$12.15 a month, and Family Cable at \$44.95. Not including the cost of Family Cable and a digital converter, a total digital package will cost \$38.

Some council members grumbled over the hikes, and what they see as failure of the company to give the city free publicity. The city is supposed to have access to a channel to promote local events, and even television tapes of council proceedings. That has not happened, officials said.

In other matters, Favre told council there was an apparent error in re-formulating city wastewater billings for commercial customers. The city boosted its rates for all customers in September, but some error apparently impacted the commercial sector, he said.

The firm that calculated the new rate formula, Gulf South Analytical, was to meet with city officials today concerning the problem. Other matters under council consideration this week included the resignation of James A. Lagasse III as city election commissioner. Lagasse said he quit the post so he could run in the upcoming election for a new Justice Court judgeship in Hancock County. While the Secretary of State's office said he wouldn't have a conflict of interest in keeping his commissioner title while running for the judge post, "I would feel better about this" having resigned, he said.

The mayor accepted the resignation. However, he hasn't accepted the recent resignation of Jim Henrie from the city Planning and Zoning Commission.

Favre said in an interview he wants to talk with Henrie before accepting his decision to quit his post.

Henrie resigned in December, expressing "my extreme displeasure with the manner in which my recent request for a (zoning) variance was handled."

The matter concerns a variance Henrie sought to build two carports at his

residence in Bay St. Louis. He said he hired a contractor for the project, and was concerned that a building permit had been issued without the requirement that front and side yard variances be granted.

Henrie said he feared the contractor hadn't adequately outlined the project before getting the permit. So, Henrie said he went to Chief Building official Bill Carrigee and detailed the project. Henrie said he was pleasantly surprised to be told then that he would not need front yard variances for the construction.

Henrie, who abstained from voting on the issue at the commission meeting, was granted side yard variances he requested. City Council also approved the side yard variances, but asked for a letter from

Carrigee stating that no front yard variances were needed.

Henrie said he was stunned by the letter Carrigee then wrote: "It appears this office should have noted by the drawing provided that you also needed a variance to your front setback requirement; however the only variance you requested was a side yard variance."

"You cannot imagine my dismay at that statement," Henrie said. He insisted he had discussed the need for a front yard variance "in detail" with Carrigee, before being told it was not needed.

"I find Mr. Carrigee's letter of December 3 (form letter or not) to be offensive, not truthful and written in such a way as to make me appear foolish," Henrie

said. He also expressed disappointment that his case was compared by some City Council members to another citizen's variance request that had just been denied by council. He said P&Z members never make decisions based on the outcome of pre-

vious applications. And, he said, there were major differences between the requests at issue.

Henrie said he's canceled his contract for the carport construction, and won't be asking for variances on his project.

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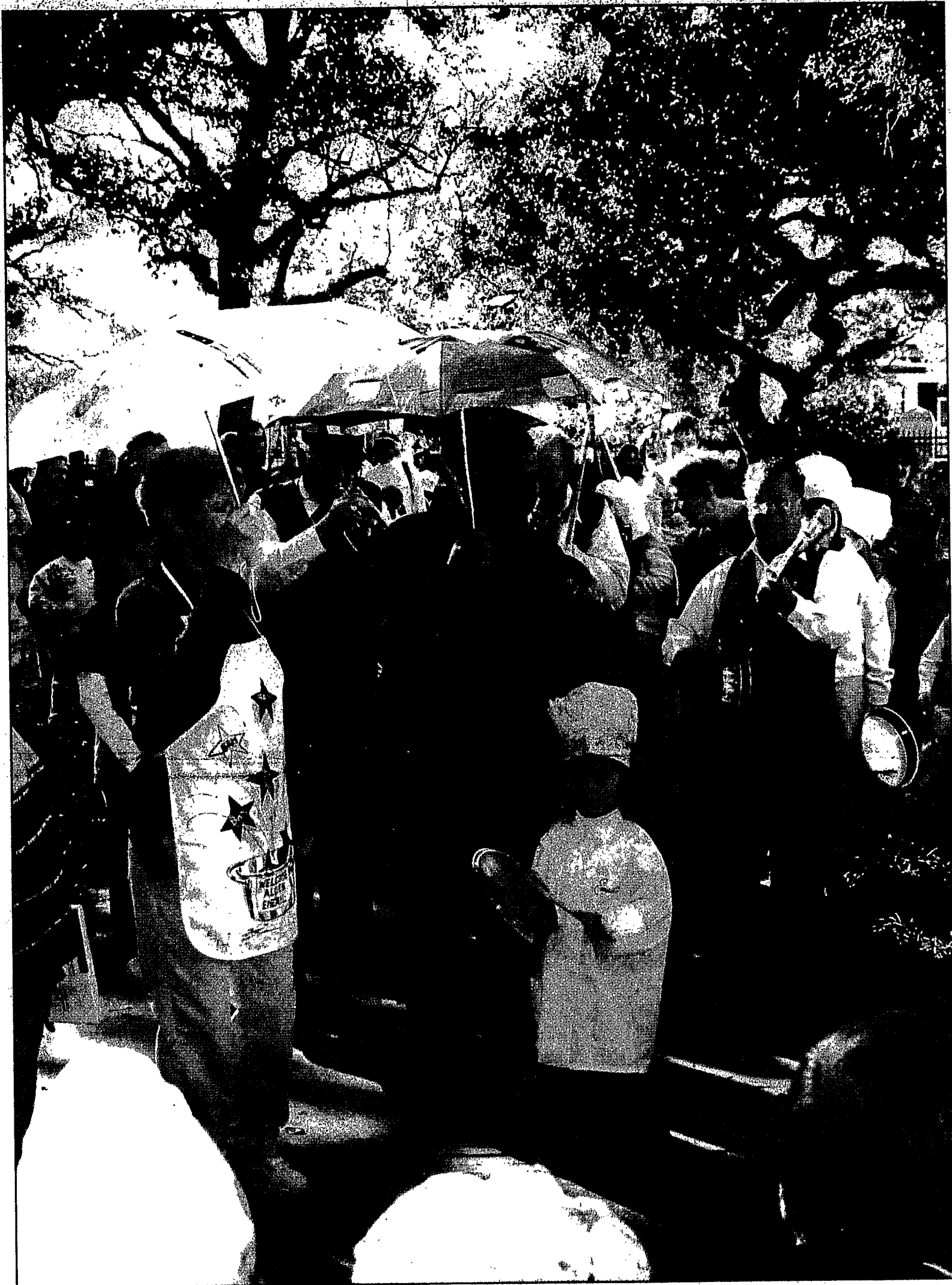
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Kickin' it up a notch



It was organized chaos Saturday as the Mississippi Gulf Coast welcomed Chef Emeril Lagasse to the grounds of the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport. Emeril and his wife Alden Lagasse are co-chairs for the center's new Capital Campaign to raise funds for the WINGS Performing Arts Center. Children at the center kicked it up a notch for Emeril with a Pots & Pans Parade, while a jazz band ushered him into the building in true Mardi Gras style.

Echo staff photos by Geoff Belcher

Alden and Emeril Lagasse helping to 'Build a Dream' on the Gulf Coast

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The true "essence" of Emeril, it seems, is philanthropy. Gulfport-native Alden Lagasse and her husband Emeril — who just happens to be the world's most famous chef and restaurateur with his own daily national television program — announced on Saturday that they hope to help raise more than \$2 million for the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center's new WINGS Performing Arts and Education Center.

The Lagasses, Pass Christian's newest celebrity residents and co-chairs of the Discovery Center's Capital Campaign, kicked off the fundraising efforts on Saturday with an appearance at the center. Later, they continued the efforts as special guests at the Beau Rivage Resort for "Dreams: A Celebration of Generations," a performance benefitting



The children at the center wanted to make Emeril feel at home, even decorating his Mardi Gras umbrella with silverware.

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Alden and Emeril Lagasse take a moment after the announcement of the fundraising program to speak with reporters from all across the Coast.

1962 — Bond purchaser tells Waveland board he's 'never seen a city with its finances in better shape'

TEN YEARS AGO

December 24, 1992 — Three taxi cab companies received approval for temporary operation permits Tuesday at the Bay St. Louis City Council meeting.

Mayor Eddie Favre gave a recommendation that two cab companies and one limousine company be given 45-day temporary licenses, and that all other cab companies operating in the city be illegal.

Favre's recommendation explained the 45-day period will allow the cab company owners time to obtain liabil-

Back in Time



ity insurance, buy and install taxi meters, and take care of other matters.

— The board of supervisors approved advertise-

ment for contract work in the long-awaited sand beach refurbishing project Thursday.

A master plan for shore-front development was begun in 1984 under a technical advisory committee. In 1987 the Sand Beach Advisory Committee was established to implement the plan, according to John Seafide, chairman.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

December 23, 1982 — The Hancock County Board of Supervisors met with the County Port and Harbor

Commission in a secret meeting Tuesday afternoon in which the commission recommended its chairman as the new executive director.

W. Wilson Webre, the present director who will retire January 14, Wednesday morning confirmed the unannounced meeting began at 3 p.m. at the commission's Waveland office. He also confirmed that James deBlanc of Waveland was named the executive director.

— Jerry Heitzmann of Bay St. Louis, who won the

Tuesday Hancock County circuit clerk runoff election, will be sworn in on January 1.

Eunice Bermond was named interim circuit clerk following Henry Otis' resignation. Heitzmann is now supervisor of the department's parole offices of the Gulf Coast.

FORTY YEARS AGO

December 20, 1962 — Another step toward an enlarged water system was taken by Waveland Town Council last week when it authorized Mayor Garfield

Ladner to enter into a contract with Bernard and Burk, Baton Rouge consulting engineers, for engineering and supervision of the project for which the town hopes to receive federal aid through the Community Facilities Administration.

M.A. Sanders, head of M.A. Saunders Company, Memphis investment brokers, who purchased the current revenue bonds of the Waveland Gas and Water System, told council he had "never seen a city

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SPORTS

#1 Lady Tigers undefeated; SSC, Bay, Hancock tie up in the Mayor's Cup on Friday

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Clear the streets and head to the court because on Friday, January 10 the Mayor's Cup will be awarded at the Wilmer Seymour Gymnasium on the campus of Bay St. Louis High School.

The #4-ranked St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws will lock horns with the athletic Bay High Tigers in a Division 8 matchup that will also decide the Mayor's Cup winner on the boys side. In girls action, the #1-ranked Lady Tigers of Bay High will duel against the #10-ranked Lady Hawks of Hancock for the coveted cup.

The Rocks defeated the Tigers in the first matchup of the season only after coming from behind 15-2 in the first period of the initial matchup. The Rocks stand 18-2 on the season and are #4 in the state while the young Tigers are a hungry 4-13 team overall on the season but stand 3-3 in the division. SSC was ranked #3 in the state, a school best, last week before a non-division loss to the traditional 5A power Harrison Central Red Rebels. The Tigers stood 3-1 in the division prior to the Christmas break before two consecutive losses to the Pass Christian Pirates.

The top-ranked and undefeated Lady Tigers of Bay High sport a 21-0 record and are one of three unbeaten girls teams in the state. The Lady Hawks sport a 14-5 overall record and a #10-ranking in the state. Bay High has won both games against Hancock this season. The first game went to overtime before Bay High pulled out the victory while the second game was won in regulation in an early season tournament in Gautier.

Lock all the doors, keep young children inside and wear your body armor on Friday, January 10 because the city will be rocking first at 6:30 pm and at 8 pm. See you on the hardwood!

In earlier action, the Bay High Tigers and the Pass Christian Pirates locked horns on Saturday, January 4 and again on Tuesday, January 7 in consecutive division games. The outcomes were the same on both nights with the Lady Tigers and the Pirates claiming their respective games.

On Saturday, the top-ranked Lady Tigers disposed of the Lady Pirates 59-37. Bay High held Pass High scoreless until :50 left in the opening period as they jumped out to a 16-0 lead. It was more of the same in the second period with Bay High claiming a 32-8 lead at the break.

The Lady Tigers held a 30-point advantage 47-17 heading into the final period of play. The Lady Pirates (11-5) outscored the Lady Tigers 20-12 in the fourth period to make the final tally. Pass High fired some impressive shots by Kenyetta Woods and Charleeda Melancon in the final stanza but it was too little too late. Both Pirates ended the game with 13 points.

Carmen Labat paced the Lady Tigers in the first game with 23 points followed by Kendra Reed with 11 points.

The second matchup on Tuesday, January 7 was won by Bay High 83-36

which stretched the Lady Tigers record to 21-0. The Lady Tigers jumped out to an 18-10 lead in the first period and boosted that lead to 39-22 by halftime. However, the real show came in the third period when LaMonica James scored 15 of the Lady Tigers 24 points in the period. The Lady Tigers wanted to set up the inside game and James played the hand to a "T". After three periods of play, the Lady Tigers led 63-28.

In the fourth period, the Lady Tigers swarming defense held the Lady Pirates to single digits as they made the final tally.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett spoke on both games, "In the first game, we did not play very well. We hustled the whole game but Pass Christian slowed our game down some which hurt our transition game. Defensively, we played hard in the first game. We had a week layoff and the holiday break took us out of our groove. The second game started off slow for us. We were not shooting too well from the outside in the first half. In the second half, we wanted to try and set up the inside game with LaMonica James and she stepped up. We gave a great team effort in the second game and got into a groove without game."

Carmen Labat led four Lady Tigers in double-digits with 23 points. James scored 20 points followed by Kendra Reed with 15 and Felicia Thomas with 13. The Lady Pirates were led by Sabrina Dailey with 12 points.

The first boys game was a barn-burner in the first half on Saturday night. The Tigers took it to the taller Pirates and led 18-16 at the end of the first. The Tigers were keyed in the first period by Cory Todd's three straight baskets in a minute.

The second period was more of the same with the score being tied 35-35 at the intermission. Garland Stewart was the catalyst for the Pirates on the boards and inside the paint on offense. He was countered by speed and an outside game by Marquez Singleton for Bay High in the period.

The Pirates (12-5) opened the period with an 11-0 run and shut Bay High off the scoreboard until the 4:00 mark. It was a period that the Tigers would love to have over again as they were outscored 22-10. The same thing happened in the fourth period as Bay High failed to score until the 3:05 mark when Lorenzo Lewis hit a jumper to make the score 69-47. The Tigers were outscored in the final stanza 20-16 to make the final score of 77-61.

Pass High head coach Buddy Kennedy stated after the game, "We have been struggling to find intensity all season long. We have some youth on the court this season and for some it is their first varsity action. The main thing we are working on is to come ready to play each night."

The Pirates were led by Garland Stewart's 20 points. Billy Crawford scored 14 points followed by Maurice Hardnett's 12 and Rueben Nichols' 11 points.

The Tigers had three players in double-digits with Lorenzo Lewis leading the way with 16 points.

Cory Todd scored 14 points and George Easley had 13 points in the game.

In Tuesday's matchup, the Tigers (4-13, 3-3) played a different ballgame against the taller Pirates. The Tigers took the rock right to the Pirates and fouled out both frontcourt stars for the Pirates in Chad Musgrove and Garland Stewart; however, Rueben Nichols made up the difference by slapping the Tigers for 30 points including 8 three-pointers. The Tigers were down just three points with one minute remaining but the Pirates cashed in on their free throws down the stretch to make the final score 75-63. The Pirates led at break 37-33.

Garland Stewart finished the game with 10 points while Billy Crawford scored 15.

Marquez Singleton led the way for the Tigers with 29 points including a perfect performance at the charity stripe going 10-for-10. Lorenzo Lewis had 12 points and 7 rebounds while George Easley tallied 11 points.

Bay High head coach Alan Lumpkin recalled both games, "In the first game, Pass Christian was a very intense team. We had to match their intensity and we did not do that in the second half of the that first game. Youth was a problem for us getting down 10

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Christmas in April

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SPORTS

Hawks sponsor basketball alumni day Saturday

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The Hancock Hawks basketball program will sponsor its annual Hawk Alumni Day on Saturday, January 11 at the Hawk Gymnasium.

The all day affair will feature games against the Hattiesburg Tigers starting at 9am with an 8th grade girls game. The 8th grade boys team will tip-off at 10

am. The 9th grade girls and boys teams will hit the court at 11am and 12 noon, respectively.

The junior varsity boys will take to the hardwood at 2pm followed by the varsity boys game at 3:30pm. Finally, the #10-ranked Lady Hawks will tip-off against the Lady Tigers of Hattiesburg at 5pm.

Refreshments will be available for alumni all day.

At 5pm a dinner will be served for alumni and guest.

At 6:45pm, following the varsity girls matchup, the alumni games will begin. There will be contests of many varieties, as well as, scrimmage games.

The day is open to all Hawk basketball alumni and as the motto reads, "Hawk today. Hawk tomorrow. Hawk forever!"

Mayor's

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points in the third period and then having to dig yourself out of that hole. They took it tous in that first game. We decided to go with a different gameplan in the second matchup and go right at their big guys. We executed our gameplan all game long and fouled out their top two in the frontcourt. However, their guard in the backcourt nailed 30 points for them. We wanted to force their guards to shoot from the outside and they nailed it. We were down only three points with a minute to go. We missed some of our free throws and the Pirates didn't down the stretch. Marquez Singleton played a tremendous game for us tonight. He comes every night to play. Our guys played hard tonight and executed our game plan.

"The Pirates stepped up to our challenge that we presented to them."

The #4-ranked St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws

(18-2) got back on the winning track with a 60-43 win over the extremely athletic Gautier Gators at the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium.

SSC jumped out to a 13-5 lead in the first quarter and extended their lead to 28-14 by halftime by riding the back of frontcourt player Mario Faranda. The third period saw the Gators cut SSC's lead back down to eight points 40-32 and finished the period on a 5-0 run which was keyed by a technical foul on SSC.

The fourth period was back and forth until the 5:30 mark when Gabe Willis and Darius Acker ignited a 6-0 run by SSC to create some distance for the Rocks. Rob Murray followed the run with three-pointer to put SSC up 53-42 and Gautier would not break the double-digit barrier the rest of the way.

Darius Acker led the way for SSC with 18 points followed by Faranda with 17

points and Willis with 11 points.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "This was a critical win for us tonight because Gautier is extremely athletic and will be contending for the playoffs at the end of the season. Overall, we played well in spurts but we were not consistent. I thought we had a good start but the shot selection in the first half limited our game. We settled for some perimeter shots that were not good decisions. We did a good job on defense but we did not do enough work on offense to put them away. Gautier is one of the most athletic teams that we will face this season and we still have to make a trip to their gym. They have all their players back from last year. We have Bay High on Friday night in the Mayor's Cup game at their gym. We will get their best effort and we will have to match their intensity level."

Dunbar Village gets a kick out of Bay High Lady Tigers soccer team



On December 19, members of the Bay High Lady Tigers soccer team sang Christmas carols for the residents of Dunbar Village. Those pictured include Samantha Billingsley, Heather Burge, Megan Corr, Kayleigh Davis, Kacie Favre, Jenny and Jessica Hearty, Hannah Johnson, Camille Keith, Brianna Keyes, Tori Lansaw, Madison Laughlin, Danielle LeBlanc, Joanna Mannlon, Mallory Murphy, Lindsay Richardson, Blair and Brittany Strong, Whitney Thomas and Coach Lee Bosarge. Not pictured are Robin Fletcher, Jessica Johnson and Deret Laughlin.

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- If you are over 65 proof of age
- If you are receiving 100% disability benefits proof of your disability.
- Is any part of the property rented?

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Emeril -- the essence of Discovery

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the WINGS center.

Emeril Lagasse said the performing arts program was "very, very special" to both him and Alden. Both had musical backgrounds, he said. Emeril himself had been offered a scholarship to the New England Conservatory of Music before deciding to pursue the culinary arts, instead.

Alden Lagasse said it was a personal matter to her because she had been a childhood friend of Lynn Meadows.

And, she said, "My grandparents were involved in starting the first Gulf Coast Arts Council. ... I took it for granted when I was younger, but now that I'm grown, I understand we're lucky to have such a great resource."

The Lagasses are building a new home on Scenic Drive in Pass Christian, and said Saturday they have become very involved in working with the center.

Emeril Lagasse praised both the Discovery Center and its staff.

"We have so many great things we're really, really excited about around here ...," he said, and "This is as fine a group of people as you'll ever have to work with and to be around in the world."

The Discovery Center foundation, incorporated as a non-profit organization in



Alden and Emeril Lagasse

1991. It was named for co-founder Carolyn Meadows daughter Lynn, who died in the 1980s in a car wreck. The center opened its doors in 1998.

The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center is Mississippi's only children's museum. It offers children a chance to discover a world of interactive education and

entertainment. With "artists and scientists in residence," the center provides children with opportunities to understand concepts and develop skills. It also offers weekend and summer programs which complement and expand the museum exhibits.

The center was selected as the Mississippi Travel

Attraction of the Year in 1999.

The WINGS Performing Arts Program offers lessons in dance, guitar, violin, voice, design and stagecraft. Its students write, perform and produce at least three shows every year. For more information, call the center at 897-6039.

Time -- great finances

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with its finances in better shape. All of your funds are full."

FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 26, 1952 - With U.S. Forces in Alaska - Army Cpl. Albert J. Fairconnetue, whose wife, Mary, lives on Star Route 1 on Washington Street, Bay St. Louis, has been assigned to the Port of Whittier in Alaska. Before his assignment in Alaska, Fairconnetue was stationed at the New Orleans Port of Embarkation. A graduate of Valena C. Jones High School, Fairconnetue is a

veteran of World War II. He holds the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with three campaign stars.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

December 25, 1942 - The annual Christmas Tree, conducted by Brother Peter under the auspices of Saint Stanislaus, was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 23rd, in the Saint Stanislaus Gymnasium. Approximately 60 children ranging from babies in arms to young boys and girls gathered to welcome Old Saint Nick who has never

failed them.

As is his custom, Santa has as his assistants Mesdames Carrere, Moreau and Monti. These ladies, assisted by faculty and several borders who did not go home, saw to it that every child was given some toys, a horn, a balloon, and some fruit and candy.

On January 4th, 1943, the Hancock County Nursery School will be opened. This school will be under the direction of Professor S.J. Engram, City Superintendent of Schools of Bay St. Louis.

The purpose of the school

is to care for children from the ages of two to five years whose mothers are working. It is not necessary for the mothers of these children to be employed in defense work. Any parent who is interested in entering their children in this nursery school should call the Webb School on Wednesday, December 29, where the nursery school for this purpose will be held.

The school will be in direct charge of Mrs. Harold May, Mrs. C.M. Shipp, Mrs. W.W. James, Mrs. Andy Becker and Mrs. Dorothy Murphy.

PRCC's chapel campaign \$125K short of goal

Pearl River Community College is steadfastly approaching the \$700,000 goal for its Chapel Campaign.

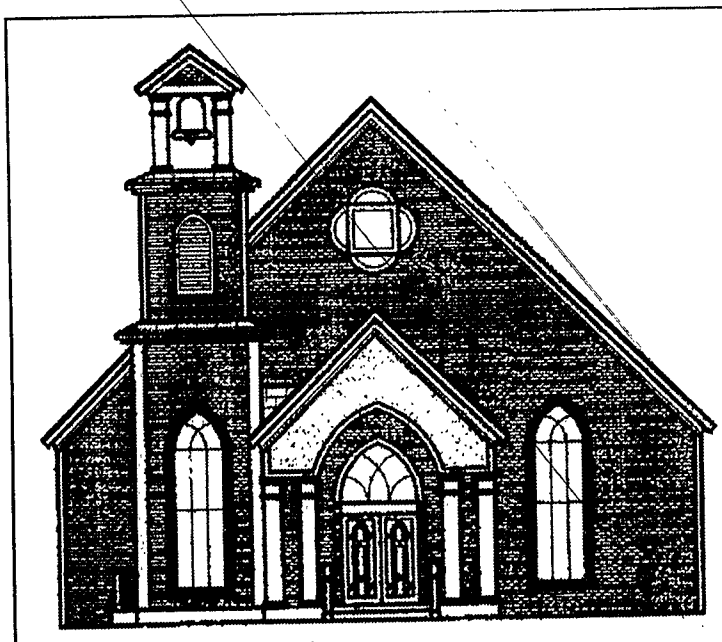
Thanks to a \$400,000 donation this summer by Hattiesburg businessman and PRCC alumnus Sidney Malone, the campaign has already raised more than \$500,000. The theme of the campaign is "Can You Hear the Chimes Ringing."

Campaign chairman is James Ginn, executive vice-president of Hancock Bank and a PRCC alumnus. The architect for the project is Don McCleskey of Hattiesburg.

"We are about \$125,000 from our goal," said Donna Wilson Lee, executive director of the PRCC Development Foundation. "The architectural plans are nearing completion and we are really anxious to get the chapel underway."

PRCC President William Lewis said that the chapel will be a special addition to the campus as the college seeks the total development of its students.

"Last year we entered into a Master Plan for our campus and one of the mis-



ing elements was a focal point for spiritual activities on our campus," Lewis said. "We are very committed to building a chapel, which would be located in the middle of our main campus. We believe that our mission is to not only provide quality educational opportunities but to also create an environment that will enhance the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our students, faculty, staff and alumni."

Lindsey Miller, a sophomore from Carriere, said a chapel would be a big plus for PRCC. "A chapel would be a place of refuge, a place to meditate and worship," she said. "Every college student would enjoy having an opportunity to go to such a place."

Added Ginn, "We want to do everything we can to make this a reality for Pearl River Community College. We urge everyone to get involved."

Items can still be purchased to help furnish the chapel. Any item that is purchased can be given in honor of or in memory of someone. A plate of recognition will be placed on that item.

The chapel furnishings price list includes: Pews, \$1,200 each (16 needed); flower stands, \$350 each (2 needed); prayer rail system, \$4,500; choir/instrument screen, \$4,000; a pulpit window, \$10,000 (7 feet by 11 feet); two Gothic arch front windows, \$5,000 each (3 feet by 12.5 feet); eight Aisle Gothic arch windows, \$3,000 each (2.5 feet by 6 feet); one Front Door Transom window, \$4,000 (6 feet by 4.5 feet); one Clover leaf @ gable end window, \$4,500; grand piano, \$20,000; Schulmerich Carillon (chimes), \$12,000; sound system, \$7,000.

For more information, call Frank Ladner with the Hancock County Alumni Association at (228) 467-7130, or write the PRCC Development Foundation, P.O. Box 5389, Poplarville, MS 39470, or call Donna Wilson Lee at (601) 403-1183.

Farve, Wilkinson named to Who's Who

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Neil Farve of Bay St. Louis and Patrick Wilkinson of Pearl River are among Pearl River Community College students named to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges for the 2002-2003

school year. Seventy-two students were selected by a committee of department chairs after being nominated by the PRCC faculty. Who's Who students were evaluated on scholastic standing, service to the community,

leadership in extra-curricular activities and future potential.

"These students are outstanding members of our student body," said Dr. Miller Hammill, dean of students affairs at PRCC. "They are to be congratulated

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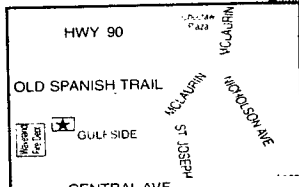
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Entertainment

KC & The Sunshine Band shake, shake, shake it up at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

THE SEA COAST ECHO

BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS. - With sales of over 100 million records, nine Grammy nominations, three Grammy Awards and an American Music Award, KC and The Sunshine Band is one of the main forces in pop music, and they will be at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Saturday, January 25 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$19.95, \$24.95 and \$29.95 and available at Casino Magic Box Office or at any Ticketmaster location.

With hits like "Get Down Tonight," and "Shake Your Booty," KC & the Sunshine Band have been established as movers and shakers in the music business. The band began making their mark in 1975,

when they released their self-titled album which went triple platinum and contained the number one hits "Get Down Tonight" and "That's The Way (I Like It)." In fact, KC is only the third act, behind the Beatles and the Jackson Five, to have four number one singles in the span of one year: "Boogie Shoes," "Get Down Tonight," "That's The Way (I Like It)" and "Rock Your Baby." KC's next album, "Part 3," released the next year, continued the hit-making tradition with number one singles "I'm Your Boogie Man," "Shake Your Booty," and "Keep It Coming Love."

In 1978, he added yet another hit with "Boogie Shoes," which was included on the "Saturday Night

Fever" soundtrack; KC followed that hit with "Please Don't Go," and the Top Five duet with Teri DeSario "Yes, I'm Ready."

KC's music continues to be a favorite today. His songs have appeared in ads for companies like General Motors, Burger King, Nestlé Toll House Cookies, Kmart, Old Navy, and Nick at Night. His music has also been featured in over 75 movies such as Forrest Gump, Boogie Nights, Boys Don't Cry, Rush Hour, and Carlito's Way. KC songs are regularly heard at sporting events, from Wrigley Field to the University of Tennessee to hundreds of high school gymnasiums across America.



KC, sans Sunshine Band



Cynthia Owen as Sally Bowles in the Jefferson Performing Arts Society's production of Cabaret, which will be performed this weekend at the Biloxi Grand Theatre.

Life is a 'Cabaret' this Friday at Biloxi's Grand Theatre

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Jefferson Performing Arts Society presents Cabaret at the Biloxi Grand Theatre January 10-12. Friday and Saturday's shows will be performed at 8 pm, with Sunday's show a 3 pm matinee.

Based on Christopher Isherwood's The Berlin Stories, the musical Cabaret is the story of Cliff (played by Dan Garvey), an American writer who comes to Berlin at the dawn of the Hitler era.

He falls in with the denizens of the decadent Kit Kat Klub, and takes as his roommate the club's former star attraction, Sally Bowles (Cynthia Owen).

As he struggles to write a novel, he witnesses the blindness and self-deception of a group of people who allow Nazism to gradually take control while they are emotionally and spiritually fast asleep.

A spectral cabaret emcee (Kris Shaw) comments on the story in a series of increasingly pointed nightclub songs. Score includes: "So What?," "The Money Song," "Don't Tell Mama," "Maybe This Time," "Married" and the title song.

Rounding out the cast are Janet Shea as Fraulein Schneider, Walter Bost as Herr Schultz and William

McCrary as Ernst Ludwig.

Cabaret debuted on Broadway in 1966 and starred Joel Grey, who won a Tony Award for his performance as the Emcee. Bob Fosse directed the movie version of the musical in 1972.

Joel Grey once again portrayed the Emcee and won an Oscar for his role. The musical returned in 1998 to rave reviews and awards including the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical.

Formed 25 years ago in Metairie, the Jefferson Performing Arts Society (JPAS) is a non-profit organization that supports, sponsors, nurtures and promotes the performing arts in Jefferson Parish and the Gulf Coast.

JPAS will return to Grand Casino Biloxi February 22 and 23 with their production of A Chorus Line.

Tickets are \$24.95 and \$19.95. Dinner show packages are available for this show through the Grand Box Office. The Casual Dinner Package, which includes a show ticket and dinner at the Marketplace Buffet, Roxy's Diner, Corky's BBQ or Islandview Café, is \$31.95 and the Gourmet Dinner Package, which includes a show ticket and dinner at Brulo's or Chopstix, is \$49.90 (all din-

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For more information about Cabaret, contact Grand Casino.

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Rehearsals are scheduled each Tuesday night from 7-9pm at the Seacoast Ballroom located at 983 Howard Avenue in Biloxi. This year the orchestra members are planning to provide Refresher Workshops for String and Wind instrumentalists who are interested in playing with the group. Call 875-4476 for further information.

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148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOM 1 BATH, utilities and cable furnished. \$150/week, \$300/deposit. Bay/Waveland area. Call 463-1872.

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2BR TRAILER FOR RENT \$200/month all utilities paid. 463-0108.

2BR TRAILER FOR RENT, KILN Area. 255-5529.

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TRAILER FOR RENT: Bayside Park, 2br/1ba, \$350/month, \$200/deposit. Call 467-3496.

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2 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME. \$9,000., with extras. 228-467-9894.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, LARGE Yard, walking distance to beach. \$700.00 month. 469-0016.

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DIAMONDHEAD; LUSCIOUS, 3bed- room/2bath, fireplace, large kitchen, all appliance, 2 car garage. Deposit required, \$900.00 month. Owner 354-0330.

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FOR RENT: 3 BR., 2 BA., new construction, 172 Felicity, \$775.; Call Chari at McIntyre Rapp Real Estate, 467-3777.

HISTORIC HOME ON BEACH 3BR/3BA \$1500/month 493-7733

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY available on this all brick, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with screened in porch situated on private wooded lot in Diamondhead. For a rental application, call Bruce at 1-800-398-0454.

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156 Lots/Acreage

OWNER FINANCE: NICE BUILDING LOT, Pine Ridge, Waveland, \$19,000. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

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NOTICE OF SALE
Sealed bids will be received by the Mississippi Department of Transportation at the office of said Department, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 a.m. January 27, 2003, for the sale of unconsolidated (excess) property more particularly described as:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 17 as shown on the plans for State Project No. 79-0067-01-003-10, from said point of beginning run thence North 80 degrees 50 minutes West, a distance of 100.0 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 16; thence run North 09 degrees 12 minutes East, a distance of 76.0 feet; thence run South 80 degrees 50 minutes East, a distance of 100.0 feet; thence run South 09 degrees 12 minutes West, a distance of 76.0 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.17 acres, more or less, and being situated in and part of Lots 16 and 17 of Square 102 of Shoreline Park Subdivision Unit 7 of Governmental Lot 1 of Section 28, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

The subject property has an appraised value of \$6,500.00 and is located just South of State Route 43, which is also referred to as Highway 603, and is part of Lot 16 and 17 of Shoreline Park Subdivision Square 102, Unit 7. The subject

156 Lots/Acreage

property is a part of Tax Parcel Number 138F-0-27-345-000 as reflected on the county tax maps of the Hancock County Tax Assessor's Office. ALL bids must be accompanied by a PERFORMANCE BOND in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid. This bid must be in the form of a CERTIFIED CHECK, CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER, OR BID BOND and will be refunded if you are not the successful bidder. However, if after thirty days upon notification, the successful bidder fails to remit the full amount of the bid, the five percent (5%) PERFORMANCE BOND will be forfeited. Cash or personal check will not be accepted, and if accepted will disqualify the bid. The sale of said property is subject to the provisions that no junkyard, as defined in 23 U.S.C., Section 136, shall be hereafter established or maintained on or above described lands, and no signs, billboards, outdoors advertising structures or advertisement of any kind, as provided in 23 U.S.C., Section 131, shall be hereafter erected, displayed or maintained upon or within the above described land, except that signs may be erected and maintained to advertise the sale, hire or lease of the property, or principle activities conducted on the land upon which the signs are located. All bids shall contain this statement: "I hereby certify that I am not an employee or member of an employee's family and that I had no part in appraising the above property or in negotiating for its acquisition by the Mississippi Transportation Commission." Pursuant to Section 25-4-105(3)(b), State employees may not purchase surplus property from any state agency, directly or indirectly. More specific information as to the exact location of the property may be obtained by contacting the MDT Right of Way Division at 601-359-7630. The Mississippi Transportation Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Mail bid to MDT, Right of Way Division (Attn: Daniel B. Smith-Legal Section), P.O. Box 1850, Jackson, Mississippi 39215-1850 and write on the outside of the envelope "SEALED BID TO BE OPENED January 27, 2003."

Larry L. Brown, Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Transportation
Jackson, Mississippi
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Hancock County
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158 Commercial Property

1700 SQ. FT. HOUSE BUILD 1898 on 150'x140' lot, fenced, 311 Ulman Ave., B.S.L. 601-798-3035.

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159 Houses For Sale

WAVELAND BEACH WATER VIEW
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161 Condo Rental/Sale

FOR SALE BY OWNER:
528 North 2nd St., Sherwood Heights, 2BR/2BA, in exclusive private location. Granite counter tops, tile place, hardwood floors, pool, recently renovated. \$192,000. 228-33431, 228-467-5884.

LAKEVIEW VILLA STUDIO CONDO,
for rent. Located next to Diamondhead Country Club. \$420/month plus deposit. 255-6535.

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
In Re: Estate of James Kenneth Pollard, Deceased
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 2002-264
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 2nd day of May, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of James Kenneth Pollard, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 27th day of December, A.D., 2002.
LISA BARINEAU POLLARD
EXECUTRIX

Haas and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
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01/02; 01/09; 01/16/03

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This 27th day of January, 2003.
By: OLEN LLOYD ANDERSON
DATED: 1-3-03

OLEN LLOYD ANDERSON
ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR
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Bay St. Louis, MS 39521-3581
Telephone: 463-9929
Facsimile: 463-0431
MS Bar No. 10050
01/09; 01/16; 01/23/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
In Re: Estate of Darlene A. Bedford, Deceased
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 2002-586
SUMMONS

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF DARLENE A. BEDFORD, DECEASED, AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE ESTATE OF DARLENE A. BEDFORD, DECEASED.

You have been made respondents in the lawsuit filed in this Court by RUSSELL RUSPOLI, Administrator.

The Petition filed against you has initiated a civil action seeking to have Theresa Marie Benjamin, Christopher Hollis and Amburye Hollis adjudged and decreed by this Court to be the sole and true heirs at law of DARLENE A. BEDFORD, Deceased, as fully set out in the Petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 10th day of February, 2003, in the courtroom of the HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 306 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of this Court on this 3rd day of January, 2003.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLER
CHANCERY CLERK
By: Kim Bonano D.C.
Dated: 1-3-03
01/09; 01/16; 01/23/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
In Re: Estate of Noleen L. Brelaud, Deceased
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 2002-883
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary on the Estate of NOLEEN L. BRELAUD, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 19th day of November, 2002, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

This 18th day of December 2002.
ESTATE OF NOLEEN L. BRELAUD
KERRI B. FRIGO, Co-Executor

David C. Goff, Esquire
Watkins Ludlum Wooten & Stennis, P.A.
2510 Gulf Street, Suite 1010 (39501)
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Gulfport, Mississippi 39502
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Facsimile: (228) 864-0515
12/26/02; 01/02; 01/09/03

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 2002-912
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 3rd day of December, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned executor of the will and estate of HAROLD M. MADISON, deceased, in Cause No. 2002-912, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 27th day of December, 2002.
Bridget L. Tell
Executor

Paul M. Newton, Jr.
Newton and Hoff, L.L.P.
2019 23rd Avenue
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502
Telephone: (228) 863-8827
01/09; 01/16; 01/23/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
In Re: Estate of Hazel Genovese Pinkerton, Deceased
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 17th day of December, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the estate of Hazel Genovese Pinkerton, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 17th day of December, 2002.
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL GENOVESE PINKERTON
Control #20201503
01/02; 01/09; 01/16; 01/23/2003

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
In Re: Estate of Noleen L. Brelaud, Deceased
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 2002-883
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of December, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned executor of the will and estate of NOLEEN L. BRELAUD, Deceased, in Cause No. 2002-883, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 27th day of December, 2002.
DANA HAL JONES
Administrator

William W. Dreher, Jr.
Dreher Law Firm
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Gulfport, Mississippi 39502
Tel: 228-822-2222
Fax: 228-822-2228
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01/02; 01/09; 01/16/03

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF
EDITH B. BACK, DECEASED
No. 2002-952

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 20th day of December, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Edith B. Back, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 6th day of January, 2003.
ALLAN T. BACK, Administrator
of Estate of Edith B. Back, Deceased

FAVRE, GENIN & SCADIFFE
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 703
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
01/09; 01/16; 01/23/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
ALLAN T. BACK
PETITIONER
VS.
THE HEIRS AT LAW OF
EDITH B. BACK, DECEASED

DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 2002-952

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 20th day of December, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Edith B. Back, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 27th day of January, 2003.
By: OLEN LLOYD ANDERSON
DATED: 1-3-03

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
In Re: Estate of Barbara A. Brower, Deceased
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 2002-586
SUMMONS

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF BARBARA A. BROWER, DECEASED, AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE ESTATE OF BARBARA A. BROWER, DECEASED.

You have been made respondents in the lawsuit filed in this Court by RUSSELL RUSPOLI, Administrator.

The Petition filed against you has initiated a civil action seeking to have Theresa Marie Benjamin, Christopher Hollis and Amburye Hollis adjudged and decreed by this Court to be the sole and true heirs at law of BARBARA A. BROWER, Deceased, as fully set out in the Petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 10th day of February, 2003, in the courtroom of the HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 306 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of this Court on this 3rd day of January, 2003.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLER
CHANCERY CLERK
By: Kim Bonano D.C.
Dated: 1-3-03
01/09; 01/16; 01/23/03

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 2002-957
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 27th day of December, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned executor of the will and estate of CAMILLE M. MCCLURE, deceased, in Cause No. 2002-957, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 30th day of December, 2002.
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Executor

Paul M. Newton, Jr.
Newton and Hoff, L.L.P.
2019 23rd Avenue
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502
Telephone: (228) 863-8827
01/09; 01/16; 01/23/03

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on November 21, 2002, Sandra D. Morrison, an unmarried person, and Bessie B. Owen, an unmarried woman, executed a deed of trust to Atty. J. Mack Varner, trustee for the benefit of "MERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., which deed of trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 611 at Page 589 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid, "MERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., the holder of said deed of trust and the note secured thereby, substituted John C. Underwood, Jr., as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument dated July 16, 2002 and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 611 at Page 589, and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, "MERS" Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the money due thereon, the undersigned Substituted Trustee, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John C. Underwood, Jr., Substituted Trustee, in said deed of trust, do hereby order and direct that the land and property described in the deed of trust, to-wit: Lot 49, Second Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said City made by E.S. Drake, P.E., and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on May 1, 1923.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 23rd day of December, 2002.
John C. Underwood, Jr.
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
Control #20201503
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
In Re: Estate of Mary Agnes Powell, Deceased
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 2002-957
SUMMONS

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF MARY AGNES POWELL, DECEASED, AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE ESTATE OF MARY AGNES POWELL, DECEASED.

You have been made respondents in the lawsuit filed in this Court by RUSSELL RUSPOLI, Administrator.

The Petition filed against you has initiated a civil action seeking to have Theresa Marie Benjamin, Christopher Hollis and Amburye Hollis adjudged and decreed by this Court to be the sole and true heirs at law of MARY AGNES POWELL, Deceased, as fully set out in the Petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 10th day of February, 2003, in the courtroom of the HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 306 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of this Court on this 3rd day of January, 2003.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLER
CHANCERY CLERK
By: Kim Bonano D.C.
Dated: 1-3-03
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ADVERTISING FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals for 2002 Railroad Track Reconstruction and 2002 PBRV Spur Addition, Port of Hancock County, Mississippi, will be received by the Port of Hancock County, Mississippi, at the Port of Hancock County, Mississippi, until 2:00 P.M. (CST), on Thursday, February 13, 2003, at which time the bids shall be publicly opened before the bid opening to the office of the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, 708 Highway 90, Gulfport, Mississippi, 39502, with the following: 2002 Railroad Track Reconstruction and 2002 PBRV Spur Addition. In addition to the markings on the drawings, the following items shall be included in the "Specifications and Contract Documents":

The work involves, but is not limited to, the construction of 5,000 track-feet of 85-pound rail, 15-pound rail, and 110-pound rail, including all materials, labor, and tools. The work includes 2,100 and 2,800 track-feet of railroad track reconstruction from 85-pound rail to 115-pound rail or better, including all materials, labor, and tools.

Contract documents and specifications may be seen at the office of Garver Engineers, 212 Key Drive, Madison, Mississippi, 39110, (601) 368-4200, or at the office of the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission. Copies of the Plans and "Specifications and Contract Documents" may be secured from Garver Engineers upon payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each complete set. NO REFUND of payment will be made.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Port of Hancock County, Mississippi, at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 12, 2003, at 10:00 A.M. (CST). ATTENDANCE AT THIS PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ON THIS PROJECT. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee consisting of a firm, irrevocable bid as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument equivalent to five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, a assurance that the bidder will accept the property as shown on the drawings and contract documents within ten (10) calendar days following notice of award. Such bid guarantee shall be made payable to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

All prospective bidders are cautioned that, in order for the bid to be valid, the Contractor's Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number must be shown on the outside of the envelope, containing the bid documents and within the bid documents themselves. The Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities, except for conditions affecting Executive Order 11246.

Bids must remain in effect for sixty (60) days after the opening date. (SEAL)
Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission
Attn: J. Mack Varner, Secretary
01/09; 01/16/03

NOTICE OF SALE
Sealed bids will be received by the Mississippi Department of Transportation at the office of said Department, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 o'clock a.m. on January 27, 2003, for the sale of unencumbered (except) property more particularly described as:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 17 as shown on the plans for the project No. 70-0607-01, 100.00 to 100.00 feet from the beginning line of the road, 80.00 degrees 50 minutes West, a distance of 100.00 feet to the corner of the intersection of the road, 120.00 degrees 12 minutes East, a distance of 76.00 feet, thence run South 80.00 degrees 50 minutes East, a distance of 100.00 feet, thence run North 12.00 degrees 12 minutes East, a distance of 76.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.17 acres, more or less, and being situated in and part of Lots 16 and 17 of Section 12, Township 14 North, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

The above property has an appraised value of \$6,500.00 and is located just South of State Route 43, which is also referred to as Highway 103, and is part of Lot 16 and 17 of the intersection of the road, 120.00 degrees 12 minutes East, a distance of 76.00 feet, thence run South 80.00 degrees 50 minutes East, a distance of 100.00 feet, thence run North 12.00 degrees 12 minutes East, a distance of 76.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.17 acres, more or less, and being situated in and part of Lots 16 and 17 of Section 12, Township 14 North, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

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...January 10, 2003 offer for sale at public outcry and
...sell within legal hours (being between the hours of
...11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main front door of
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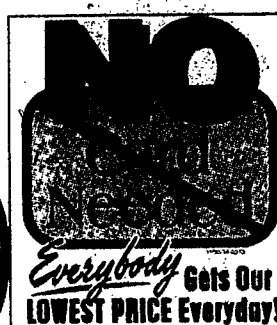
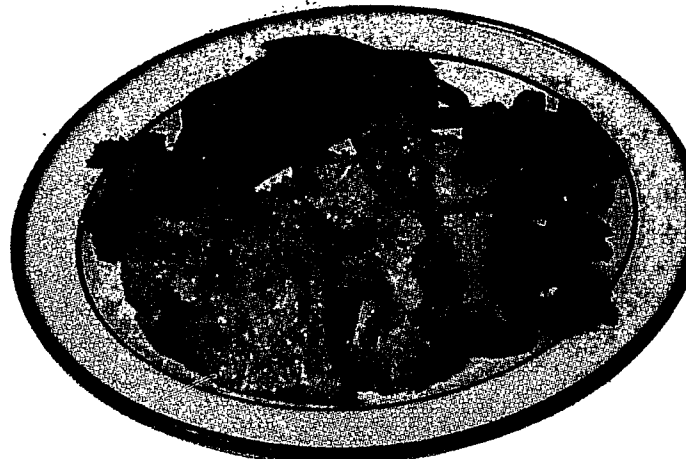
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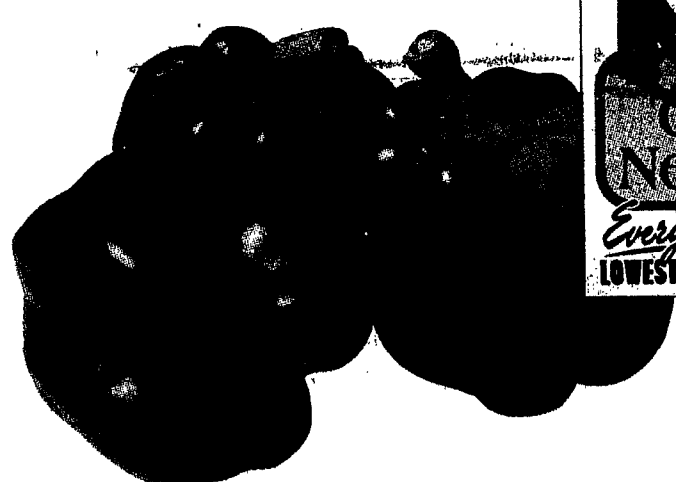
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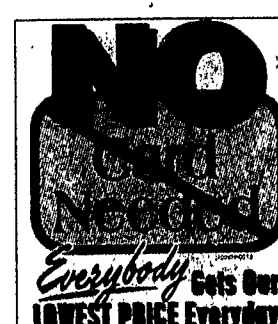
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